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## THE YEO TRIAL

COUNSEL AND THE "CHINA MAIL"

### POINTS OF IMPORTANCE

Question of Mr. Black's Specimen Signature

#### THE PROMISED LIFE STORY

Three points of importance to the "China Mail" arose during the trial of Carvalho Yeo, who was indicted at the November Criminal Session on three counts of forgery and three of uttering, arising out of what is known as "the Treasury \$250,000 case," and who was found guilty of uttering three forged cheques (on each of which counts he was sentenced on Dec. 6 to concurrent terms of ten years' and labour).

A submission on behalf of accused was reserved on Dec. 6 for consideration of the Full Court. The Full Court sat yesterday when it was announced that the submission would not be pursued. The sentence, therefore, stands and the trial has concluded.

At the first possible opportunity, to-day, the "China Mail" states emphatically that it takes the strongest exception to two of the three points which arose, such being unwarranted accusations. It also takes the opportunity to issue a statement, arising out of the third point, which cannot be permitted to pass without reply.

For obvious reasons, this article has not been published until now; but it is none the less emphatic and convincing because it has been deferred.

### UNWARRANTED ACCUSATIONS

The first point is the professed astonishment of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., (counsel for the defence) at an announcement in the "China Mail" whether Mr. Jenkin was astonished or not is no concern of the "China Mail." But in his submissions, following his astonishment, Mr. Jenkin attributed to the "China Mail" statements and implications which cannot be based on a fair reading of the "China Mail."

The second point is that relating to the handing to Mr. T. Black (Treasury accountant and a witness for the Crown), by Mr. Jenkin at the end of the former's cross-examination, an article which, on being explained the next day, was an enlarged photograph of a signature alleged to be a specimen and to have been made by Mr. Black for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The third point follows the second. In its version of the complaint by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. of what the learned counsel described in effect as inaccurate or misleading reports, the "South China Morning Post" said, by implication, that such allegedly inaccurate report had appeared in the "China Mail"; whereas, in fact, the words on which Mr. Potter laid emphasis (on the "S.C.M.P.'s" own showing) had appeared in the "S.C.M.P." and not in the "China Mail."

#### THE LIFE STORY

Mr. Jenkin's Insinuation Challenged

First of all, then, as to Mr. Jenkin's insinuation. On Thursday, Nov. 22, the "China Mail" had a plain announcement, in no way ambiguous (because directness had to be its main appeal); and this was printed in the form of what is known in the profession of journalism as a "box."

#### LIFE STORY

The "China Mail" has secured for publication the life story of Carvalho Yeo with its many features of absorbing interest. Some of the facts touched upon may come up at the present trial and are, therefore, sub judice. Accordingly, the narrative will be printed as soon as the trial concludes. "China Mail" will reveal surprises for officialdom and other sections of the community. The poster for the day is also reproduced:—

#### YEO: SENSATIONAL LIFE HISTORY PROMISED

The poster did not say that Carvalho Yeo had made any promise. If such was intended, the obvious wording would have been, Yeo Promises Sensational Autobiography or Yeo Promises Sensational Bio-

graphy. The promise was by the "China Mail"; and it has not been fulfilled yet.

#### A Bold Statement

The first paragraph in the "box" did not even say that publication was going to be exclusive. The "scoop" was open to any journal or journalist with enterprise.

The second paragraph does not call for comment.

The third did say that on the day on which the life story would be published the "China Mail" would reveal surprises for officialdom etc. How Mr. Jenkin read into a bold statement that there would be disclosures as to the conduct of Treasury officials generally and Government servants the "China Mail" does not profess to be interested in.

But the "China Mail" does challenge Mr. Jenkin's insinuation that it had "definitely promised to disclose various matters" which might possibly lead to a conclusion prejudicial to his client.

Nor did the "China Mail" hold forth that it had secured a biography or autobiography as Mr. Jenkin implied in his reference to the inaccessibility to his client.

#### Public to Judge

So that the public can judge the fairness or otherwise of Mr. Jenkin's observations, at a time when the "China Mail" had no locus standi in Court except to report the proceedings, the report of Saturday, Nov. 24, of what the learned counsel said, is reproduced:—

He was astonished at what appeared on the front page of the "China Mail" to the effect that that paper had secured the exclusive right to publish some time thereafter an account of the life of Carvalho Yeo and that in the course of such publication there would be disclosures of a very interesting nature as to the conduct of officials in the Treasury generally and Government servants.

"They were accustomed to reading in the Home papers articles of that class which were generally written, apparently, from the mouth of a person already convicted."

The fact that there had been a definite promise that the accused was going to disclose various matters in the departments of the Government might possibly lead to the conclusion that the accused had acquainted himself in a measure which was beyond the scope of his duty with the manner in which these were carried out in Government departments.

"Accused was in custody and was not on bail. He was not accessible at all to the gentlemen of the Press."

"Mr. Jenkin declared that he was instructed to say, through the solicitor who had instructed him, that (accused) had no knowledge whatsoever as to how that statement came to be made in the 'China Mail.'"

[Editor's Notes:—

"Extraneous matter.

"Had no bearing on our promise.

"The only point really relevant to the issue; but we are not obliged to, and we make it a practice not to, disclose our sources of information.]

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## BREAD RIOTS IN MOSCOW

FRANTIC PEOPLE

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO INCREASE BAKING OUTPUT  
CAUSE OF CRISIS

Riga, Yesterday.  
The bread crisis reappeared in an acute form in Moscow last week. A decision of the Government to bake less bread occasioned a rumour of shortage and led to a panic among the population. Long queues were everywhere in evidence and frantic people rushed from shop to shop looking for bread. A conference of the Soviet authorities at Moscow has now decided to increase the quantity of bread baked. It is claimed that Moscow has sufficient stocks of food to feed the entire population but mismanagement has precipitated a crisis. The culprits, it is stated, will be punished.—Reuter.

### "SPECIMEN" SIGNATURE

No Mention of "Photograph" on Nov. 22

Now, as to the "China Mail's" report of the proceedings on Thursday, Nov. 22, the third day of the trial, published that same afternoon. The headings were:—  
"I DON'T KNOW!"

MR. BLACK AND HIS SIGNATURE

YEO TRIAL

Witness Does Not Identify His Own Specimen

PASSAGES IN 4 HOURS CROSS-EXAMINATION

All passages relevant to the "specimen signature" are reproduced herewith:—

A sentence was caused this morning, the third day of Carvalho Yeo's trial, when, at the end of the cross-examination of Mr. Thomas Black (of the Treasury) by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E. (for the defence), counsel confronted, witness with the specimen signature lodged at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation by Mr. Black. Mr. Jenkin asked if Mr. Black could say if the exhibit was his own signature. Twice Mr. Black replied, "I don't know."

The signature was pasted on a strong paper of about six inches by three inches. It was handed to Mr. Black in the witness-box. Mr. Jenkin asked if it was his signature. Mr. Black hesitated and then replied, "I don't know." Then it was handed back to counsel, who, returning it to Mr. Black, said: "Have another look at it." Mr. Black's second reply was also, "I don't know."

Mr. Jenkin, pointing to the exhibit, said: "That is your specimen signature given to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for this account." Where the "China Mail" went wrong was in stating that "counsel confronted the witness with the specimen signature," and that "the signature" was handed to Mr. Black, whereas, it subsequently transpired, a photograph was being passed to and fro. A wrong impression was given to the "China Mail" and the "China Mail" passed on that wrong impression.

#### Took Care to Explain

But the "China Mail," in its first paragraph after the usual introduction and headings, took care to explain (as far as the reporter in Court could see) that "the signature was pasted on strong paper of about six inches by three inches."

The substance of Mr. Potter's submissions on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 23, the fourth day of the trial, was as follows:—

From the reports appearing in the Press it would appear that Mr. Black... was shown his specimen signature... and that Mr. Black, in answer to two questions by Mr. Jenkin, as to what that was, said: "I don't know."

The obvious reading of that report, of course, was that Mr. Black is a person who could not even identify his own specimen signature.

Nothing was further from the truth. In fairness to Mr. Black he desired to have it clear to the public at large that Mr. Black did not fail to identify his specimen signature.

The "China Mail" takes no exception to Mr. Potter's evidence. The "China Mail" erred, but only did so because it was led to believe that the actual specimen signature was being used. There was no mention whatever by cross-examining counsel or witness, in all the passages between them on this subject, or by anybody else, that either a photograph or an enlargement was being used.

[Not Entirely to Blame]

It is necessary, also, to see what Mr. Potter has to say about the in-

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## SALUTES EXCHANGED IN NANKING

AN HISTORIC EVENT

BRITISH MINISTER PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS  
FORMAL RECOGNITION

Salutes were exchanged at Nanking yesterday when Britain extended formal recognition to the National Government of China and Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. (H.B.M.'s Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Peking) presented credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the State Council.

H.M.S. "Suffolk," one of the five new 10,000 tons county-class cruisers forming the 5th Cruiser Squadron, took part, as did the Chinese steel gunboat "Chu Yu," vessel of 740 tons and 200 feet in length, in the Second Nationalist Squadron, H.M.S. "Cockchafer," of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla, conveyed Sir Miles Lampson away at the close of the ceremonies. A British Naval Wireless communication reads as follows:—

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The new Treaty between China and Britain was signed at 1.15 a.m. to-day, Dec. 20.

The Minister (Sir Miles Lampson), attended by his full staff, presented his credentials at 9.30 a.m. The route from H.B.M.'s Consulate-General to the headquarters of

### RAILWAY REJUVENATION

London, Yesterday.  
A contract for five gear-driven double articulated railcars for the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has been awarded to a British firm. This is stated to herald the definite commencement of the rejuvenation of transport facilities.—Reuter.

the National Government of China was lined by troops and police.

Salutes Returned

At 9.30 a.m., H.M.S. "Suffolk" fired 21 guns as a salute to the country. The Chinese gunboat "Chu Yu" (flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Chen) returned the salute.

At 9.45 a.m., H.M.S. "Suffolk" saluted the flag of Rear-Admiral Chen. This was returned also by the "Chu Yu."

At 4 p.m., the Minister embarked in H.M.S. "Cockchafer" to cross the Yangtze River to the north bank, Pukow, to entrain for Peking.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" then saluted the Minister with 17 guns. Rear-Admiral Chen also saluted the Minister with 17 guns and H.M.S. "Suffolk" returned the salute.

Prosperity of China

Reuter's version of the ceremonies, dealing with the felicities, etc., is as follows:—  
Through streets lived by troops, Sir Miles Lampson, accompanied by his staff and escorted by a guard of honour, called at the State Council building this morning and formally presented his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the State Council.

Sir Miles Lampson was formally presented by Dr. C. T. Wang (Foreign Minister) to Marshal Chiang, who was attended by leading Chinese officials. The British Minister presented his credentials while from H.M.S. "Suffolk" boomed out a salute of 21 guns, with Chinese planes circling the city.

Sir Miles Lampson made a speech, in which he said: "Presenting the letters of my predecessor's recall and my appointment, I seize the opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my Sovereign's sincere wishes for the welfare and prosperity of China, and to convey an expression of His Majesty's esteem and regard. It will be my untiring endeavour to maintain and promote the closest and most friendly relations between our two countries."

Commercial Intercourse

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek replied: "It gives me great pleasure to receive the letters you have presented, and I am most grateful for the assurance of the very friendly sentiments entertained by your Sovereign towards China and myself. I avail myself of this opportunity to request you to transmit to your Sovereign, on behalf of the people of China and myself, sincere wishes for his speedy recovery."

Holland's Treaty

The Hague, Yesterday.  
The Foreign Minister, Jonkheer Van Bokkard, stated that he had received a telegram from the Dutch Minister to China, giving the text of the Tariff Treaty just concluded with China on the basis of "the most favoured nation" treatment for goods from Holland and from the Dutch Indies to China.—Reuter.

## "ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

AN ACT OF GRACE

VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT & CAPTAIN BRINING  
\$500 COMPENSATION

London, Yesterday.  
A report had been received from Mr. W. E. O'Reilly, British Minister at Caracas, stating that the Venezuelan Government have decided as an act of grace to pay Captain Brining, master of the steamer "Ninlan," who was imprisoned at Puerto Cabello last year, a sum of \$500.

It will be recalled that it was decided by the British Government that a formal claim for compensation on Brining's behalf should be addressed to the Venezuelan Government by Mr. O'Reilly.

Mr. O'Reilly, however, was authorised to use his discretion regarding the date on which he should present his claim. As he knew that the Venezuelan Government, who from the moment that the affair had originally been brought to their notice, had adopted a very helpful and friendly attitude towards securing for Brining certain privileges during his imprisonment which were not strictly permissible by law, had been considering the circumstances of the whole case and examining the possibility of making compensation, he postponed acting on his instructions.

This graceful and friendly action of the Venezuelan Government has, of course, now made any official steps by the British Minister unnecessary, and it is clear from Mr. O'Reilly's report that in spontaneously making this grant to Brining the Venezuelan Government have been inspired purely by feelings of friendship towards England and by a sense of justice, and it is felt that a satisfactory conclusion to this unfortunate affair reflects great credit on the central authorities at Caracas.—British Wireless Service.

### R.A.F. MARSHAL

SIR HUGH TRENCHARD RESIGNING

London, Yesterday.  
The Air Ministry announce that Sir H. M. Trenchard is resigning on January 1, 1930.—Reuter.

[Sir H. M. Trenchard has been chief of the British Air Staff since 1918 and was appointed Marshal of the Royal Air Force in 1927. He is 65 years of age, and was formerly a Colonel in the Royal Scots Fusiliers.]

covery, and the welfare and prosperity of your country. You having signed the new Tariff Treaty, I feel all the more confident that our commercial intercourse will be further developed and our friendly relations increasingly strengthened. I assure you that the National Government will extend you every courtesy to enable the friendship of the two countries to be further consolidated."

The Other Nations

The Sino-Swedish Treaty was signed at noon.  
Nine countries have now signed Tariff Treaties with China, namely, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States, of which Belgium, Denmark, Italy and Portugal have given up consular jurisdiction on certain conditions.

The Treaty with France is expected to be signed in a day or two; while negotiations with Spain are not expected to present any difficulty.

Japan is now the only Power with whom treaty negotiations are at a standstill.

The successful issue to these difficult and lengthy negotiations is regarded as a great triumph for Dr. C. T. Wang, while naturally they will greatly strengthen the prestige of the National Government.

More Hopeful

The doctors in their discussions on the future line of treatment, which began this afternoon and continued until evening, decided that the light ray treatment should be continued.

They are now more optimistic regarding the ultimate outcome of the struggle and the atmosphere of the palace is to-night much more hopeful.

If the King continues to make uninterrupted progress during the next few days a different phase of the illness will have definitely been reached. Until this step forward is taken a setback may still occur, but the continued improvement reported during the last three days gives reason to hope that this is unlikely.

Still Great Weakness

Reuter is reliably informed that

## GOOD SIGN TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT

FEWER BULLETINS

"KING'S HEART SLOWLY GATHERING POWER"  
"FUTURE COURSE SLOW"

London, Yesterday.  
A British Wireless message states:—

The following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace this afternoon: "A consultation has taken place in order to make a comprehensive survey of His Majesty's present progress and to discuss the lines along which the treatment in the immediate future can best proceed."

The condition of the right side of the chest has improved and there is evidence of more respiratory function. The healing of the empyema, with its severe local infection, though satisfactory must of necessity be a lengthy process.

The heart is slowly gathering power and, while exhaustion remains profound, a slight access of general strength is noticeable. The future course of the illness must from its nature be slow and not without difficulty, but we are happy to state that the King's progress is now established on a firmer basis."

Signed: Hewett, Rigby, Buzzard, Rolleston and Dawson of Penn.

No Night Bulletin

Reuter states:

This is the first day since the King has taken ill that no night bulletin has been issued and it can be read as a good sign.

After Dr. Hewett and Dr. Woods called at the palace they administered the ray therapy treatment. Dr. Hewett was joined in consultation by Lord Dawson, Sir H. Rolleston, Sir F. Buzzard and Sir F. Rigby, the five doctors remaining together for 90 minutes. All left at 8.30 except Sir S. Hewett.

"Continues Satisfactory"

It is announced in Buckingham Palace to-night that as two bulletins have already been issued to-day a further bulletin will not be issued this evening. It is, however, officially stated that the King's condition continues satisfactory.

Hong Kong's Sympathy

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) said:—

"Before we take up the business on the agenda, I should like to make reference to that matter which has during the past fortnight been uppermost in the minds, not only of Hon. members, but of all his loyal subjects, viz. the serious illness of His Majesty the King. It is too early to say that our anxiety is allayed, but I am sure that the Council will have received with feelings of the keenest relief the welcome news that His Majesty continues to make progress and that there are now surer grounds for the hope of His Majesty's recovery. We respectfully tender our sincerest sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family in the anxious period through which they have been and still are passing."

China's Good Wishes

"I avail myself of this opportunity to request you to transmit to Your Sovereign, on behalf of the people of China and myself, sincere wishes for his speedy recovery..." said Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking yesterday, to Sir Miles Lampson, when the latter presented his credentials at the formal recognition of the National Government of China.

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## GEN. YANG SEN IN THE NEW WAR

VANGUARD MOVING

HOLDERS OF CHUNGKING ON DEFENSIVE  
UPPER YANGTZE HOLD-UP

General Yang Sen, the stormy petrel of West China, is again the aggressor in the new war in Szechuan province which has resulted in danger to British trade and British shipping.

The Generals holding Chungking, the Treaty port on the Upper Yangtze, 1,400 miles from the sea, have declared a state of war to exist and have instituted a search station some 10 miles below (that is, east of) Chungking. The attackers are marching westward from the east, up the Yangtze.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 troops have been observed 100 miles below Chungking, their objective. They are believed to form the vanguard of General Yang Sen who holds the territory around the boundary between Szechuan and Hupeh.

Ships Wait

Up-bound shipping, states a Royal communique, is held up at Ichang (462 miles below Chungking and outside the war zone), until the position becomes clarified.

H.M.S. "Tern," of the Yangtze Flotilla, has been ordered to proceed from Wansien (a port on the Upper River) to Chungking to protect the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s installation there because trouble

### FRESH AND FINE

N.E. winds, fresh, fine, is the forecast until noon to-morrow. The anti-cyclone has weakened and appears to be central over S. W. Korea. The monsoon will moderate along the S.E. coast of China and remain fresh to strong over the N. China Sea.

was reported to be concentrating around the A. F. C. installation.

The British river steamer "Kang-king" (China Navigation Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire), was fired at by field and machine guns.

Preparations for evacuation have been made by the present General holding Chungking and the usual bridges of boats have been thrown across Little River, a tributary of the Yangtze.

### EX-EMIGRANT

MAN FROM CAIRNS LEAVES BIG ESTATE—

### DEATH IN KOWLOON

Mr. Jan See-chin (who was also known as See Chin), a Chinese who emigrated to Australia and became a farmer there, has left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$78,800. He is described as a retired farmer, formerly of Cairns, Queensland. He died on April 25 at No. 5, Minden-avenue, Kowloon. The widow, Mrs. Maud Jan See-chin, of No. 11, Hankow-road, is the sole executrix, to whom probate has been granted. She is the sole beneficiary.

Letters of administration to the estate of Mrs. Chan Ho Shi (nee Ho Wal-dong), a widow, who died at No. 38, Pau Cheung-street, Tolkwan, Kowloon, on March 21, have been granted to her son, Mr. Chan Ho-chung. The estate is valued at \$20,600.

### NICKEL TRUST

CANADIAN COMPANY AND MOND INTERESTS

New York, Yesterday.

The first step in a plan to obtain control of 90 per cent. of the world's supply of nickel has been taken by the directors of the International Nickel Company (Canada) Limited by approving the exchange of stock with the Mond Nickel Company Limited.—Reuter's American Service.

The King is nearing but has not yet reached a state where complete confidence can be felt.

His condition is still one of great weakness but, the exhaustion mentioned in the afternoon's bulletin is not now so pronounced as it has been during the last few days and while the exhaustion continues it is much less acute.











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BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNKO MARU	Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU	Monday, 7th January.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Karachi.	
MEXICO MARU	Sunday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU	Monday, 31st December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 5th January.
SAIGON—Via Hoehow	
HAIPHONG—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAVANA MARU	Sunday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS.	
SEATTLE MARU	Sunday, 23rd December.
HAVANA MARU	Sunday, 6th January.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 23rd December Noon.
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## CHINA ASSGN.

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count. (Laughter.) With regard to the fighting services, they welcomed the Secretary of State for War, Sir Herbert Crocy and Sir John Duncan—the man who sanctioned the man who planned and the man who led the Shanghai Defence Force—that force which took such a load of anxiety off the minds of all who had interests in China. They were glad, also, to welcome a number of guests from what was commonly known as the Silent Service, all of whom had commanded in China, namely, Admiral Borrett and Admiral Maclellan, well known on the Yangtze not only as sailors but also as good sportsmen and golfers. There were also present Admiral Grace and Admiral Stirling, better known in Hong Kong, and Captain Dickens, from the Imperial Defence College, who was carrying on in the third generation the talents of his distinguished grandfather, Captain Kennedy Purvis. Representatives were also present of finance, the law and the Press. He was sure they all regretted that only within the last week, at an untimely age, Dr. Harold Williams, who was present at the last dinner and who hoped to be present at that dinner, had gone to his long home. Both branches of the legal profession were represented, the one by Sir Donald Maclean and the other by Sir Thomas Strangman. There were many other guests, and to all he extended, on behalf of the Committee and the members, a cordial welcome. He was privileged to couple with the toast the name of Major-General Sir John Duncan. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured. Sir John Duncan on Shanghai Major-General Sir John Duncan, K.C.B., C.M.G., who was loudly cheered on rising to respond, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. When I received your invitation to respond for the guests, and when I read the list of the distinguished company for whom I should reply, my first thoughts were to ask to be excused, as I found there would be so many thoughts I decided to accept the great honour which is being paid to me, and I hope you will excuse any shortcomings on my part. Firstly, I must thank Sir Skinner Turner for his kind words in proposing the toast, and I thank the Committee for their great kindness in asking us here this evening to hear these interesting speeches on China. China is at present a subject of absorbing interest. Unless one has been in China one does not realise fully the important part that this Association plays in co-ordinating the vast interests of the British community in China, and when necessary of voicing its opinion. The position of the British community there is quite unique. Nowhere else do the same conditions obtain and nowhere else are the same difficulties encountered. It was only when I arrived in Shanghai that I realised that the administration of the International Settlement was independent of any Government. The Chairman of the Municipal Government was a virtual king, and was responsible to no one except his own councillors. Despite this extraordinary situation, and in spite of the great difficulties I have never seen a show better run. (Cheers.) This great municipality, which handles commerce which is equal to the commerce of Liverpool, has a municipal system which cannot be beaten anywhere in this country. The status of this Settlement

and the other settlements is a subject of peculiar difficulty. The Chinese complain of the existence of the Settlements, but they themselves have created the difficulty. They were the people who denied Europeans the right of trading and residing in their cities; they were the people who confined them to Settlements. They did not absorb the foreign element, as has been done all over the world. They created a rival community which, endowed with modern science and methods, could only result in one thing. The Settlements at once began to prosper, and as they prospered the Chinese trade diminished and languished in proportion. It is quite natural that the Chinese should demand the return of the Settlements which, on account of the great enterprise and the safety which one finds there, have secured the bulk of the trade. But those Settlements have been largely built up by British enterprise and British capital, and they cannot be returned as if those interests did not exist. (Cheers.) They cannot be handed over until the Chinese show their capacity for municipal government. You have only to walk across from the International Settlement in Shanghai into the Chinese city to be aware that it cannot be done yet. But although this is true, I think it is most important that the Chinese should be encouraged to take part in municipal work; and unless this is done we will lay up for ourselves difficulties of a very extreme nature. In view of the developments which are taking place at this moment, the status of the International Settlements cannot remain unchanged. During the last two years we have seen changes of a far-reaching nature which have vitally affected the community, and during this period of transition the importance and responsibility of your Association have never been greater. When I am asked to express my opinion about China I feel rather like the politician or the journalist who visits India for three months and comes back and poses as an authority on the subject; but as you have asked me to speak to-night I presume that you wish to hear my views. When the Shanghai Defence Force arrived the situation was extremely tense. The Nationalist Army had reached within 20 miles of Shanghai. There was great unrest amongst the vast number of Chinese in the Settlement, largely as a result of Communist propaganda, and there was a threat of a general strike. I think we all agree that the arrival of the Shanghai Defence Force had a wonderful steadying effect.

### Better Safe Than Sorry

I have heard it said quite recently in London, at a public gathering, we sent an unnecessary large force. Now this is not my opinion; I do not think we sent a man too many. (Hear, hear.) When one has to deal with a dangerous situation and when it is decided to send troops, it is sound policy to send sufficient troops to be quite certain that they can do what they are sent out to do. (Cheers.) Too many of our misfortunes in the past—and I can remember many—have been due to sending out insufficient troops at the outset and to under-estimating the power of one's adversaries. It is a very wise saying that it is better to be safe than to be sorry. (Hear, hear.) The arrival of this force had two very valuable effects. The first of these was that the purely defence work in which this force was used proved to the Chinese that we had no aggressive intention. I have often spoken to Chinese commanders who said we were acting, as they said, imperialistically; and I pointed out that, on the contrary, we were there for a purely defensive purpose. The second result of that force being sent out was that it proved to the world that we were quite prepared to defend our interests when they were threatened, no matter what the cost. I mention that because the idea has been spread in the Far East that the lion's tail can be twisted with impunity. To my mind, the turning point in the situation in China occurred when General Chiang Kai-shek, the present leader of the Nationalist Party, definitely assumed a hostile attitude to the Communists. In my telegrams home, I brought this to notice. He definitely turned against the Communists who, up to that time, had rather controlled the party. He was the one who pointed out that Communism was the real enemy of China. The destructive policy of the Communists was a far greater danger to the British community than anything else; and I am quite certain that if the inner history of some of the misfortunes which occurred to us in China were known they could be traced to the action and deliberate intent of the Communists. When the Nationalists threw over the Communist doctrine I became optimistic.

### An Optimist

What I felt was that if the Nationalist Party discarded Communism their programme was one that must appeal to the Chinese people, and that being so, I felt that it would be the best means of stopping the civil war. I realised quite well that the Chinese Nationalists would make great demands, which it would be difficult for the British community to concede, but I thought those difficulties were small in comparison with the damage to trade which was being done by the interminable civil war. Now that the civil war is over, and things are resuming a more normal status in China, I think the most important thing to do is to re-establish that atmosphere of goodwill which existed in China between the British and the Chinese before the recent trouble. In my small way I endeavoured to establish good relations with the Chinese commanders, and all I can say is that my small efforts were always met half-way. They want to be friends. They look to us for assistance. I do not think it is true that the Chinese are anti-British; the Chinese are not anti-British; they are pro-Chinese, which is quite a different thing. Since I left Shanghai events have moved very rapidly, but I think they have moved in the right direction. I know perfectly well that many of the demands of the Nationalist Party are very embarrassing to say the least of it, and very difficult to fulfil, but you must remember that they have got a left party, and that they must do something. I am not a business man, but if you study the price of stocks and shares in China today and what they were 18 months ago, you will see there has been an enormous improvement. Personally, I am an optimist about China; I am a great optimist about our relations with them. (Cheers.) Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I again thank you on behalf of your guests for your great kindness in asking us here, and on their behalf I wish to offer you our sincere wishes for the continued success of the China Association and all that it stands for. (Cheers.)

### "The Chairman"

Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said he was delighted to be present to propose it after six years spent abroad, three of them amidst the trials and tribulations of Southern China. He was sure the Chairman would sympathise with him in that respect, because he had been a resident in the Far East and knew what home-coming meant. The Chairman also had first-hand acquaintance with the special difficulties of Hong Kong, where he was once a member of the Legislative Council; and on that account he (Sir Cecil Clementi) was delighted to propose his health. It was very fortunate for Hong Kong that one who had first-hand knowledge of its commerce and legislative should stand so high in the councils of the China Association. The Association performed two very important duties. On the one hand, its various branches in Hong Kong and the various treaty ports of China collected and collated the views of British merchants in the Far East as to the best means of protecting and promoting British trade with China. On the other hand, the China Association in London fulfilled the very valuable function of explaining and expounding to people in this country the true inwardness of the kaleidoscopic changes in Chinese affairs. Time and time again during the difficult and dangerous periods that had existed since 1925 he had turned for advice and assistance to the Hong Kong branch of the China Association, and he always found that it did its utmost to inform itself accurately as to mercantile opinion; that its knowledge and experience were placed at the disposal of the Hong Kong Government, and that it did everything in its power to ensure that the view and policy of Hong Kong should be understood by Britishers in the Chinese treaty ports. Again and again, when communication by telegram and despatch from Hong Kong to London seemed like talking down a disconnected telephone, the China Association at home had

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Legislative Council following re-  
covery from the injury he sustained  
recently, took his seat as senior  
Unofficial member, which position  
he vacated to act as Attorney-  
General during the absence on  
leave of the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp,  
C.B.E., K.C., who also attended his  
first meeting (after his holiday)  
yesterday.

When the Council's Finance Com-  
mittee sat after the meeting, Sir  
Henry asked for information about  
three of the votes. In connection  
with the \$60,000 required addition-  
ally for passages for Civil Servants,  
Sir Henry pressed for a reply as to  
whether approval for high expendi-  
ture had been given by the Finance  
Committee, and also when the  
period of service to qualify for  
leave was reduced.

## General Orders

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon.  
Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.),  
chairman, replied that the length of  
service to qualify for leave was  
approved very shortly after Sir  
Ocell Clementi arrived in the  
Colony.

Sir Henry wanted to know whether  
it was brought before the Finance  
Committee. It looked to him  
as being something in the nature  
of a bonus to Government servants.

The chairman said that leave  
was now granted for four years'  
service and in very senior cases it  
was possible to obtain leave by  
special privilege after three years.  
Both these rules had been incor-  
porated in the general orders for  
some time, but he was not pre-  
pared at the moment to give the  
exact date.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes asked  
whether this was the first year on  
which increases had been asked for  
in this respect.

The chairman replied that the  
increases ran for more than a  
year. It so happened that more  
officers had been due for leave  
during the present year.

## Like a Bonus

Sir Henry: My point is that  
this matter should have been  
brought before the Finance Com-  
mittee because obviously this  
amounts to something like a bonus  
to officers receiving.

The chairman replied that his  
impression was that it was brought  
about in order to make leave uni-  
form throughout the Empire.

Sir Henry: I still think this  
should have been brought before  
the Finance Committee.

The chairman mentioned that it  
was referred to in the estimates  
when a sum of \$200,000 was pro-  
vided for. In passing that, mem-  
bers accepted the general orders  
under which leave was granted.  
The matter had been brought be-  
fore the Legislative Council and the  
Finance Committee.

The estimates were subsequently  
produced and Sir Henry expressed  
himself as satisfied.

## Other Votes.

Sir Henry Pollock asked, in re-  
spect of a vote for \$450 for vac-  
cination and registration of births,  
what provision was made for pub-  
lic vaccination in view of the pre-  
sent outbreak of small-pox.

The chairman replied that vac-  
cination was performed free of  
charge in Government hospitals,  
in Chinese hospitals, at Chinese  
public dispensaries and by the  
St. John Ambulance Brigade.  
The Brigade was conducting a  
vigorous campaign and the figures  
of the numbers vaccinated were  
very satisfactory.

With regard to a Sanitary De-  
partment vote for \$150 in respect  
of anti-malaria work, Sir Henry  
asked in what outlying districts the  
work was being carried out.

The chairman replied in the  
vicinity of the police stations in  
the New Territories and also in a  
number of the larger villages.

Sir Henry was assured by the  
chairman that the Chinese section  
of the Kowloon-Canton Railway  
had already paid the charges re-  
ferred to in a vote in respect of  
Chinese Section rolling stock.

The twenty votes totalling  
\$78,286 to supplement the 1928 Ex-  
penditure were all approved.

## Members Present.

The attendance comprised:—  
H.E. the Officer Administering  
the Government (the Hon. Mr. W.  
T. Southern, C.M.G.).

H.E. the General Officer Com-  
manding the Troops (Major Gen-  
eral C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon.  
Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

The Attorney-General (the Hon.  
Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (the Hon.  
Mr. C. Mel. Messer, O.B.E.).

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,  
C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of  
Police.

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North,  
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.,  
LL.D.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow,  
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall,  
C.M.G., LL.D.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Hynes,  
The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes,  
The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Both,  
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report shows that the net result of  
the year's transaction gives a  
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as follows:—

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Agency Fees	6,000
Sundries	279
Balance brought forward (Less Sundry Items)	255,447
	754,225

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## THE DESTROYERS

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
H.M.S. "Stormcloud" and H.M.S.  
"Stirling," of the 8th Destroyer  
Flotilla, arrived here to-day from  
Lower Yangtze ports.—British  
Naval Wireless.

Mr. H. R. Butters (Deputy Clerk  
of Councils).

H. E. the Officer Administering  
the Government said: "I feel sure  
that Hon. members will wish me  
to offer to Sir Henry Pollock our  
congratulations on his recovery and  
to extend to him a very hearty wel-  
come on his return to a participa-  
tion in our deliberations."

Sir Henry Pollock returned  
thanks.

## Official Reporter

At the conclusion, His Excellency  
said: "The Council will now ad-  
journ until next Thursday. Before  
we separate I would like to take  
the opportunity of wishing all mem-  
bers a very happy Christmas. I  
would also take the opportunity of  
bringing to the notice of members  
of the Council that this is the last  
occasion on which we shall have  
the pleasure of having the assist-  
ance of Mr. Breakspear, who has  
been the official reporter of this  
Council for a good many years. We  
wish him a very pleasant and suc-  
cessful time at home in England."  
(Applause.)

Mr. Breakspear thanked His Ex-  
cellency.

## Legislature

Resolutions anent extensions to  
the track of Hong Kong Tramways,  
Ltd. and the fixing of tenement  
rates at Ap Lei Chau at 10½ per cent.  
were adopted. The following six  
Bills were read a first time after  
Sir Joseph Kemp had outlined the  
principal objects:—

An Ordinance to amend the Lar-  
ceny Ordinance, 1865.

An Ordinance to amend the  
Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

An Ordinance to amend the law  
with respect to the carriage of  
goods by sea.

An Ordinance to protect the re-  
gistered proprietor of any design  
registered in the United Kingdom.

An Ordinance to amend further  
the Public Health and Buildings  
Ordinance, 1902.

An Ordinance to amend the  
Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance,  
1916.

## CONSIGNEES.

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Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928.

## MOTOR BOATS

COXSWAINS FINED AT  
MARINE COURT

The coxswain of the motor vessel  
"Chung Hing" was summoned be-  
fore Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O.,  
R.N., at the Marine Court this  
morning, for making alongside the  
s.s. "Sado Maru" on Dec. 18, while  
she was under way.

The defendant denied the charge.  
He stated that the motor boat had  
engine trouble at the time and was  
washed alongside the steamer by the  
current.

According to police evidence, it  
was stated that the motor boat came  
alongside the steamer and several  
men climbed up to the steamer with  
the aid of a bamboo.

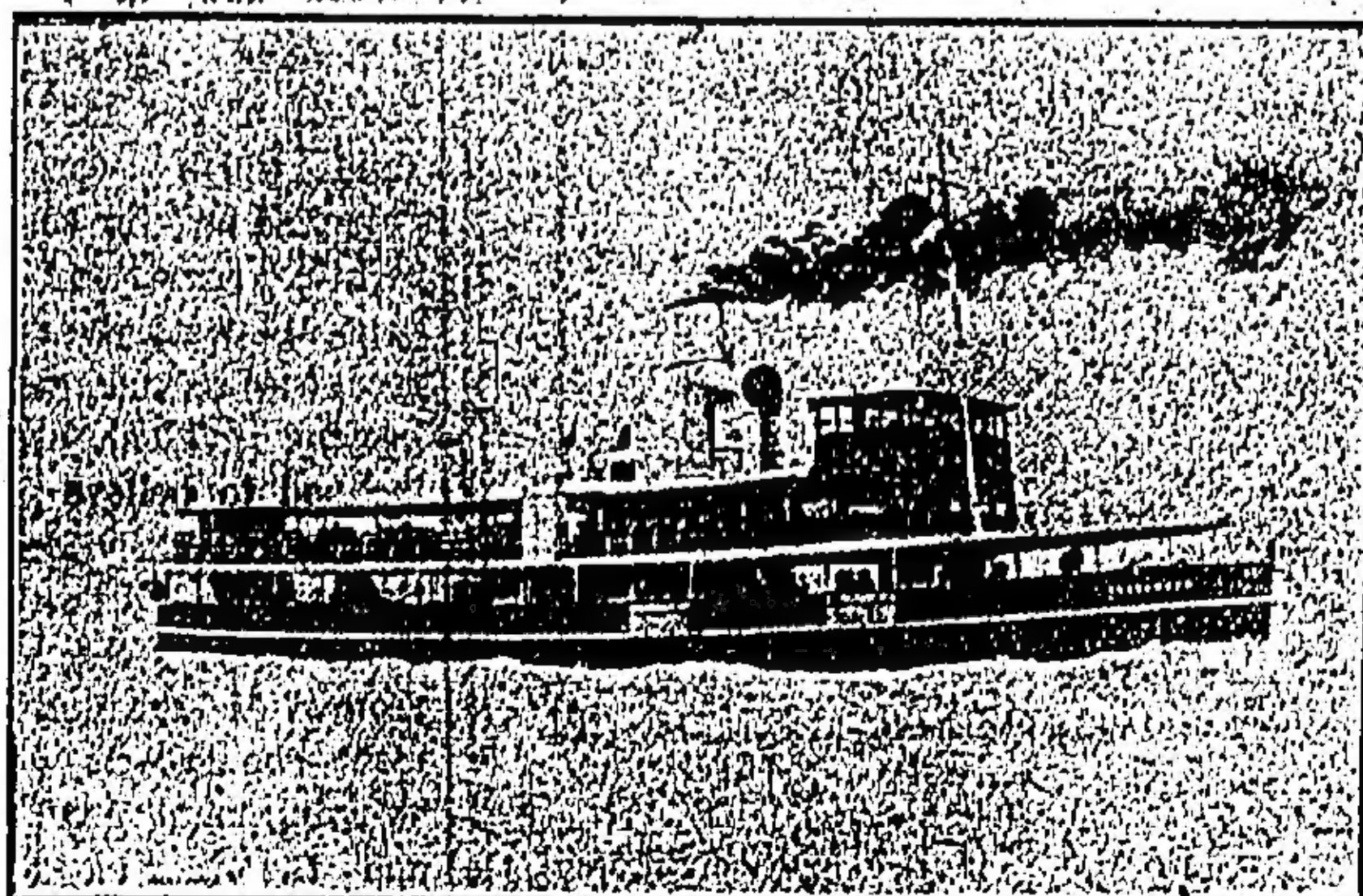
A fine of \$10 was imposed.  
In another case, the coxswain of  
the motor boat "Man Hing" was  
fined \$7 for carrying seven passen-  
gers in excess.

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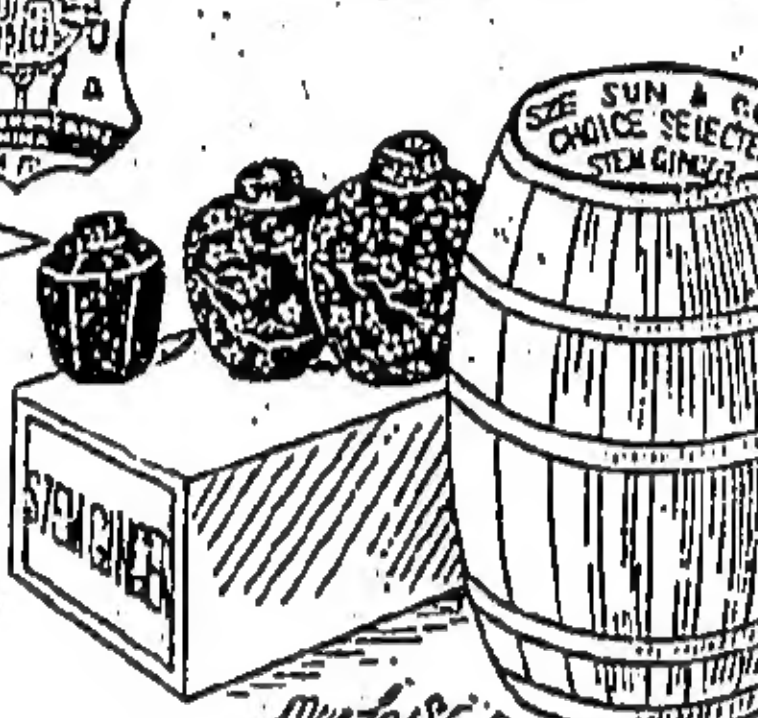
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## DEATH

BATEMAN.—Nov., 1923, Elizabeth Annie Bateman, formerly Head Mistress, Bellios Public School.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 21, 1923.

## THE "VESTRIS" REPORT

We are inclined to think that the report submitted to the United States Congress on the "Vestris" disaster will be very generally condemned, particularly in England and by fair-minded Americans. It savours far too much of the regrettable spirit that was manifested in the inquiry from the first and which obviously seemed to be much more bent upon finding a scapegoat upon whom to lay the brunt of the blame than of arriving at a just conclusion. The flagrantly biased and, in some respects, ridiculous statements which several of the survivors made—(and which were afterwards "touched up" for the purposes of certain sensation-loving newspapers)—were given far too much credence; so much so that it soon became evident, even to those inclined to believe them, that a drastic change was necessary in the personnel of those comprising the Inquiry. Complying with the request of the British Government two experts, one a British shipping man of wide experience and the other an American ex-Naval officer, were included in the body conducting the Inquiry. But while there was, as stated, a change, there was not, unfortunately, as much improvement as had been

expected. The Inquiry continued to lack the proper atmosphere essential to such tribunals, which, when not judicial, is practically worthless. The quest for a scapegoat continued to prevail and that it was never absent from the Inquiry is now evident from the report to Congress.

The loss of life, so we are told, was owing to the lack of stability of the "Vestris"—in other words it would seem, that the vessel was not sea-worthy. And yet it was at an American port that the "Vestris" received (and not long before the disaster) her papers indicating her sea-worthiness. Simultaneously with the statement that the vessel was not subject to the British Board of Trade we are told that neither was she subject to the law of the United States. To the "lack of stability" we are told something that few if any will believe as to the "incompetence" of the ill-fated vessel's captain and crew. This is the sort of "judicial" conclusion reached in the face of the clear statements of those most competent to judge of what took place, namely, the ship's officers, who quietly told of the captain's gallantry and of what had been done in his and the crew's terrible distress.

It is probable that those comprising the personnel of the Inquiry were all along acting in the belief that they were conducting it in the best possible manner, but the presence of so much irrelevant matter, which obviously pointed to the finding of a scapegoat, and to the absence of anything approaching the judicial spirit, will cause most people to place little or no reliance upon the report. It is to be hoped that the American Congress will express dissatisfaction with the report and order another inquiry to be held or, if this is now impracticable, to place the recorded evidence in the hands of a judicial body able and willing to arrive at a sound conclusion.

## A Vehicular Ferry

The exhaustive sessional paper laid before the Legislative Council yesterday on the subject of a vehicular ferry across the harbour will be read with great interest by all who appreciate that existing transportation facilities between Hong Kong and the mainland are not so complete as they might be. The Governmental idea on the subject, it appears, is that such a ferry would prove of value but, at the present, would not earn sufficient to justify the cost of installation. So much, then, for the vehicular

ferry. What interests more in the paper is the reference to the harbour tunnel proposal. It is stated that the cost of constructing such a tunnel would be very much greater than the amount required for the provision of a vehicular ferry service and would also involve heavy recurrent charges for maintenance, ventilation, drainage and lighting. No doubt all this, in a degree, is true, but it does not constitute an effective argument for the dropping of the tunnel proposal. Not, we presume, having thoroughly investigated the points in favour of and against the boring of a tunnel, the officials responsible for the sessional paper on the vehicular ferry scheme are hardly in a position to condemn the proposal. For ourselves, we still think the construction of a cross-harbour tunnel would provide the best solution to our transportation difficulties as well as to the problem of the shortage of water on the Island. With a tunnel, as we have pointed out before, there could be installed a large-sized pipe-line which would, all the time, be under observation and accessible. This would constitute a step of more practical value—though, of course, the cost would be greater—than the present plan of laying water-pipes on the bed of the harbour.

That a few men can attain almost any ideal for a city or nation, if banded together for righteousness, was declared by Rev. R. H. Schuett. "The great mass of the people," he said, "live with the idea that the majority has always ruled, and will always rule. But throughout the ages it is really the minority that has ruled the world. God never submits his decrees to a popular election. When the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, God sent one man endowed with great powers, to their rescue. . . . The universe revolves about minorities."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The "China Mail" understands that a Chinese gunboat was launched yesterday afternoon.

From Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., men's wear specialists, have come two handy office and pocket calendars.

As the result of falling off a cockloft whilst asleep, a Chinese, living at No. 30, Eastern-street, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe injuries to his head.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### DANTHONIA: A SPLENDID GRASS

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—This variety does not yet appear to be known in your country, and judging by the favourable reports here of its great success in many places, it is worthy of some attention. For some years past it has been grown in the southern portion of our State and New Zealand. It is considered a valuable pasture grass, and is credited with carrying two sheep to the acre, and is very palatable and fattening. It is a perennial, fine leaved, tussocky grass, growing from one or two feet high, and provides feed for the greater part of the year. It is said to be a good winter grass, will stand a great amount of grazing, and its palatability both for cattle and sheep is well known. Even when other grasses are completely dried up it will provide a fair amount of greenness in the bottom growth, and it is due to this that the Riverina country in our State can carry excellent sheep during a dry spring and summer. In New Zealand it is recommended for both very dry and very wet soils, and it will give a good return even in very poor ground. It is said that it will grow equally well in the coastal districts and in the inland, and is especially adapted to poorer soils, unsuitable for other grasses, and will live where cocksfoot and eye grasses succumb or fail for want of humidity or nourishment. It is very nutritious, fattening, and greatly relished by all kinds of stock. It grows all the year round and withstands drought as the roots penetrate the soil deeply, and thus enables the plant to withstand long spells of dry weather. It will thrive luxuriantly in all situations, and once established it spreads rapidly, and should prove useful to many stock-powers, to whom it will be only too pleased to give any further information.

Yours etc.,

B. HARRISON.

Burringbar P.O., N.S.W., Australia.  
Nov. 20, 1923.

## TO THE SEEKERS

MR. MANUK'S LECTURE ON  
CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM  
THEOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS

Before members of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society and others, yesterday, Mr. M. Manuk delivered a lecture on "Christian Mysticism." He said:—

I wish you to understand that my lecture of this evening is not for those who have found all the comfort and spiritual consolation in the teachings of the Churches as presented, for they have already found in their own way what will be most helpful to them in their attainment of their ideal: my lecture to-night is for those eager and earnest souls who are seeking the same spiritual comfort and consolation but who are dissatisfied with what is presented to them as Truth; those whose analytical and logical mind has to be satisfied before they will accept. Faith to such is a matter of mental realisation and not of intuitive acceptance. It is for these that I speak to-night.

You will remember the Master said to his disciples "To you it is given to understand but to those I speak in parables" and so it has been throughout the ages every religion has had its esoteric or hidden side for those who were able to understand, and its exoteric side for the "man in the street." The present age has seen an extraordinary impetus given to man's mind, and man therefore refuses to accept that which he cannot understand. The Theosophical teaching brings to the enquirer the inner meanings hidden in parables and allegories to explain the fundamental Truths in every religion.

A Spiritual Being  
There are some who think that religion is the outcome of man's experiences on the physical plane essentially based on fear. But religion in its true sense is the explanation of life, and man's position in the scheme of creation. We find on investigation that in every case the teachings of the founder of any religion are, and have been far in advance of the conception of its followers, i.e., in no case has religion improved by age but rather has been crystallised and distorted into Theological Systems.

Man essentially is a spiritual being sharing in, and being part of the Omnipresent Life manifesting in all creation and man's goal therefore is to find his conscious unity with this Life. Religion is the way to that Goal and the founders of religion by their teaching and by their life have tried to show men the path they themselves have trodden to that realisation. The Christian religion is no exception to that rule. "To know God is life Eternal" and as we live, move and have our being in Him, and as in His Omnipresence He is within us, it is therefore possible to know God and not simply to believe in Him. The life of Jesus the Christ was an indication how we are to proceed in order to know the Father within us. He claimed to be one with the Father and attributed all his works to that Father in Him "Of myself I can do nothing, the Father in me, He does the works."

The Love Aspect  
The term "Christ" is mistakenly taken to be the name or title of office of the person Jesus, but the "Christ" is in reality the Christos the second or Love aspect of the Universal life whom we call God and to whom Jesus referred to as the Father in Heaven. This Christ aspect is latent in all men only waiting for its manifestation or birth "My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." In Jesus, the "Christ" was born as it shall be in all men in course of time. The Apostles regarded Jesus "as one among many brethren." Jesus the Christ considered in this light becomes an "Elder Brother" who had found his Unity with His Spiritual self and incarnated to teach the way to liberation from the illusions of the outer self. He claimed nothing for Himself which He did not say that others shall attain. He wrought no miracles which He did not tell His disciples that they also could perform. Let us then consider this "Christ" Principle which is in all and the realisation of which is Life Eternal.

The Life of the man Jesus when studied esoterically gives us a clear history of the evolution of the soul from the human to the superhuman stage. The story as related in the Gospels, may or may not be quite accurate as a historical event, but the incidents woven into the life of the man Jesus are an accurate process of the unfoldment of the life within through temptations and sufferings, crucifixion and death and the ultimate liberation from the illusions of the lower self.

Triumph—Rise  
His birth symbolises the birth of the Christ in each man, and as an aspect of the Eternal, it is of "virgin birth." His Baptism sym-

## AMBULANCE WORK

VICTORS IN THE FINAL EXAMINATION TEST

THE HO FOOK CUP

Major Campbell, R.A.M.C., and Surgeon Lieutenant Davis, R.N., sat as judges in the final examination test by members of the Kowloon Railway Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade, who competed for the Ho Fook silver cup on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

The result was: (1) Li Ping-tan, Kun Ngok-sang and Leung Chung-yin; (2) Wan Hau-kong, Chung Tin-cheong, Chau Yuk and Lam Hon-cheong. The winning squad competed with three men as against their opponents' four, owing to the death of one of their men, Cheung Kam, in October. In spite of being a man short, this team won.

Originally 32 members competed, being divided into eight squads of four men each. Dr. J. E. Dovey conducted the earlier examinations and the results were 43, 77, 77, 80 and 61. The finalists won their semi-finals by defeating their opponents with 88 per cent. against 82 per cent. and 80 per cent. against 85 per cent.

The winning squad, represented by Mr. Li Ping-tan received the cup from Mr. R. Baker, manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, who congratulated them and expressed thanks to Dr. Dovey for the time he had devoted to the division.

The organising of the competition was in the hands of Mr. I. B. Trevor, assistant traffic manager. At the conclusion, all present retired to the club house, where tea was served.

## "PARISIAN REVUE"

OPENING AT QUEEN'S ON SUNDAY

"The Parisian Revue," a company of ten talented artists under the direction of Signor Carpi, the well-known manager of Eastern Theatrical Companies, will open a short season at the Queen's Theatre at 9.20 p.m. on Sunday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Among the members of the company are Mlle. Mangelei, Premiere Danseuse, and Boris Sroff, ballet master, two clever artists who have appeared with considerable success in such well-known places as "The Kit Kat Club," London, "The Folies Bergere," Paris, and "The Winter Garden," Berlin. Everything from classical dancing to the latest thing in Jazz will be given by the company during the Hong Kong season. One item of outstanding merit is the presentation of "Dawn," a beautiful and fantastic creation depicting the evolution of a day. "The Parisian Revue" is Signor Carpi's latest venture in the theatrical world and should prove a refreshing attraction to theatre-goers in general. Seats may now be booked in advance for any night of the season. There is to be a slight increase in prices.

## REPARATIONS

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS LIKELY

London, Yesterday.  
It is stated to-day that conversations are still proceeding between the interested Powers regarding the setting up of a committee of experts to investigate the possibility of a settlement of the reparations problem and it is hoped a pronouncement on the subject will be possible in the course of the next few days.—British Wireless Service.

bolises the washing away of the lower and worldly desires and the acquisition of the power to overcome the temptations of the lower self.

His transfiguration is the spiritualising of his physical emotional aspects and the bringing of these into harmony with the "Christ" within as an instrument for His fuller manifestation. His Crucifixion and burial is the story of the ultimate elimination of the lower aspects of the personality and His Resurrection and Ascension are the story of man's final triumphant rise from the grave of human illusions and the raising of the "Christ" within to the throne and the "Father in Heaven."

A Wonderful Story  
Considered as such the life of the Christ is a wonderful story of the life of man and his ultimate goal. The atonement spoken of is in reality the At-One-Ment-the Goal.

Man (from Manas—the thinker) had his fall when that thinker was imprisoned in the illusions of the lower self, but man shall be "raised in Christ" as so beautifully related in the life of Jesus and he shall sit on the throne and have all power and principalities beneath his feet.



## FORGED NOTES

### CHINESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

#### A TELL-TALE BULGE

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson, O.B.E., committed for trial to the January Criminal Sessions, a Chinese named Tam Wing, a cook employed on the s.s. "Sui On," on a charge of possession of 342 forged \$10 currency notes of the Straits Settlements Treasury.

These notes, which were suspected to have been counterfeited in Canton, were alleged to have been found in the accused's possession on the ship's arrival from Canton on December 10. He was evidently attempting to smuggle them into the Colony, because he was intercepted by revenue officers as he was attempting to walk off the Tung On wharf. There was a bulge under the front of accused's jacket, and when Revenue Officer Grimmer searched the man, the notes were found concealed in accused's girdle.

Tam Cheung-hing, a shroff of the Mercantile Bank of India gave evidence to the effect that the notes were not very good forgeries, although they might deceive an ordinary person not acquainted with Straits notes.

## THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindell took further evidence for the prosecution in the case in which a number of Chinese men and women are charged with conspiracy to utter in the Colony a quantity of forged \$10 (1923 issue) bank notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

To-day's witness was Mr. Ho Pun-sze, assistant Superintendent of the Issue Department of the Central Bank of China, who had come to Hong Kong specially to give evidence in the case, in connection with the seizure by the local police of a number of copper plates bearing engravings of Central Bank of China \$10 notes, during a raid of the gang's den.

## Exhibits

Subsequent to the seizing of these plates, a printing machine and other "exhibits," two of the accused led the police to Jardine bazaar where they pointed out the hiding place of the forged local notes, concealed under a pile of wood on a piece of ground on which building operations were going on.

Mr. Ho told the Court that all the branches of the Central Bank of China, under the control of the Canton Head Office, were in the province of Kwangtung. There was no branch of the bank in Hong Kong at present. Witness had held his post at the Canton Head Office for 14 months, but his banking experience had extended over eight or nine years.

The Central Bank of China, the witness said, issued bank notes in five denominations, namely, one yuan, five yuans, ten yuans, fifty yuans and hundred yuans. He produced three genuine \$10 notes of the bank. Two of these notes were of an issue of four or five years back, one had been redeemed by the Government and subsequently re-issued after it had been specially "chopped." The third note was one of the latest issue of this year.

All the notes produced by witness were made for the bank in the United States by the American Banknote Co. After the receipt of these notes from America, and before issue, two signatures were printed on the notes by machinery in Canton. In one of the issues, also, two Chinese characters for "Kwangtung" were printed over the picture of Sun Yat-sen.

## Notes Compared

Two printed documents were handed up to the witness by Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. After examining these, the witness said that they bore representations of the front and back of one of the bank's old issue \$10 notes. The print representing the back of the note was complete, but the one representing the front lacked the numbers and scroll work. As far as they had been printed, these documents appeared to the witness to be a fair imitation of the genuine notes of the bank.

Mr. Murphy then produced two copper plates, and after examining these, the witness said that they could be used to produce the two prints previously handed up to him. A zinc plate was then handed up by Mr. Murphy, and the witness said that this bore the signatures "L. S. Wong" and "T. V. Soong" the same as they appeared on the genuine notes of the bank.

## The case is proceeding.

## AN INDIAN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Arrested by the police in the Tai Lo Tin hotel, Des Vaux-road, Cen-

## AFGHAN FERMENT

### DETAILS TO HAND OF THE OUTBREAK

#### STILL VAGUE

New Delhi, Yesterday.—A third Air Force aeroplane flew over Kabul this morning, and the British Legation signalled "all well." The position is improving. Peshawar, Yesterday.—The course of events in Afghanistan during the past week is clarifying. The rebels are strong between Jalalabad and Kabul. They are content to keep Jalalabad isolated.

Disorder occurred in the region north of Kabul which has been long disturbed by robbers, some of whom arrived in the immediate vicinity of Kabul on Friday and Saturday.

The city has not been much disturbed but the robbers have not yet been dispersed.

It is impossible to say whether the Shinwaris or robbers attacked Kabul and other provinces have been undisturbed.

Negotiations are still proceeding in Jalalabad.

## Report from Moscow

Moscow, Yesterday.—A message from Kabul says that a rebel attack on the city was arrested as the result of the joint efforts of the troops, Air Force and armed population. Government reinforcements are streaming in.—Reuter.

## U.S. RELIEF LOAN

### \$15,000,000 FOR GALE SUFFERERS

Washington, Yesterday.—The Senate has passed a bill authorising a \$15,000,000 loan for the relief of cotton growers and other farmers who suffered in the recent hurricane. The bill has now to be submitted to the House of Representatives. Loans will be limited to \$3,000 to any single farmer.—Reuter's American Service.

## ALLEGED ARSON

### A KEROSENE SATURATED PAPER BALL FOUND

## CHINESE MERCHANT'S REPORT

A case of attempted arson has been reported to the police by Yung Cho-hue, a Chinese merchant living at No. 118, Whitfield, a house which he owns. Yung stated that at 1.50 a.m., yesterday, he was awakened by the smell of something burning. He investigated and found that the stairs' door of the second floor was on fire. The flames were extinguished with buckets of water.

Afterwards Yung found on the landing a large ball of old Chinese newspapers saturated with kerosene and partly burned.

He has no clue as to the identity of the person or persons responsible for the attempted arson.

## PARLIAMENT

London, Yesterday.—Parliament has adjourned until January 22.—Reuter.

The Hague, Yesterday.—The Second Chamber has adopted a bill for the reduction of the excise duty for spirits by 40 per cent. on the present duty of 330 florins per 220 gallons proof spirit. The reduction is due to the tremendous increase in the manufacture and sale of contraband alcohol since the excise duty was doubled in 1920, the result of which duty actually yielded less than before it was doubled.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.—The Stock Exchange has arranged to purchase two adjoining buildings, which will give it the entire square, in accordance with its programme of expansion, necessitated in the recent wave of speculative enthusiasm which taxed the existing facilities to the utmost.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. K. H. Quake, Branch Manager of E. S. and R. C. Moulton, Ltd., Financial Agents for Queensland Forests, Ltd., has arrived in Ipoh from Singapore.

trial, an Indian named Kam Singh was this morning charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of 89 forged \$10 notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and two rounds of revolver ammunition.

Detective Inspector Lane, who had charge of the case, applied for the case to be dealt with summarily, but stated that he would require a week's formal remand in which to prepare. The case was accordingly adjourned for a week.

## UNLUCKY COOLIE

### MAKES UNWANTED TRIP FROM SHANGHAI

#### 'SYMPATHETIC' MAGISTRATE

Sobbing bitterly as he related how he came to be aboard the R.M.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" when she left Shanghai, a Chinese coolie, was, this morning at the Kowloon Court, charged with being a stow-away and not paying the legal fare for a voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

Defendant said that he had been carrying luggage for an European passenger, and while he was still on the "Asia" she left the pier and he was not able to get ashore again. He had a family in Shanghai, and he had left her without saying a word.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the magistrate, observing that the story had a genuine ring about it, asked for evidence, but was informed by the prosecution that no evidence could be given, as the s.s. "Empress of Asia" had left for Manila yesterday evening.

Mr. Mackenzie, the C.P.S. Marine Superintendent, said that directly defendant found that he could not go ashore, he had at once reported himself to the captain of the vessel. His Worship said that made a big difference, and inquired when the "Empress of Asia" would return from Manila.

Mr. Mackenzie replied "on January 9," while the s.s. "Empress of Russia" would be sailing for Shanghai on Christmas eve.

Defendant was then committed to the House of Detention until Jan. 9, when, with the return of the "Asia" he will be taken back to Shanghai. As defendant was being removed, his Worship asked the prosecution officer to see if that defendant be given the opportunity to write a letter to his wife in Shanghai.

His Worship also made an order that \$5 be taken from the Poor Box and given to defendant.

## PTE. JAMES BOYLE

### AGAIN FORMALLY REMANDED AT MAGISTRACY

## SGT. KERR'S CONDITION

Private James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, charged with the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment, and alternately with causing bodily harm by stabbing him in the ribs with a mess knife, on board H.M. Transport "Somersetshire" while on the high seas between Aden and Colombo, on the night of October 19-20 last, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, when a further week's formal remand was given.

It is understood that a telegram was received from Colombo on December 15 to the effect that the wounded Sergeant's condition is still precarious, and no definite opinion can at present be made as to whether or not he is out of danger.

## STOLE A CHICKEN

### AND BROKE HIS WRIST IN THE ATTEMPT

How a Chinese, when endeavouring to get away from the place where he had stolen a chicken, broke his wrist as a result of jumping from a verandah, was related at the Kowloon Court to-day, by the complainant in a case in which a Chinese coolie appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of larceny.

He was sentenced to six weeks' jail.

## EUGENE O'NEILL

The "China Mail" is reliably informed that Mr. Eugene O'Neill, the American dramatist, did not "disappear" from Shanghai "in disgust," as hinted. He is believed to be still staying at the Astor House, Shanghai, in poor health, and to have given instructions that his residence there is not to be divulged under any circumstance.

Last week-end many inquiries were made at the "China Mail" office as to whether Mr. O'Neill had "left Shanghai and come down here." It is known that he did not come to Hong Kong.

## HANKOW CLUB

Hankow, Wednesday.—No further developments in regard to the Hankow Wine Tax Bureau's desire to inspect the wine stock of the Hankow Club have been reported.—British Naval Wireless.

## HOLLAND & TURKEY

The Hague, Yesterday.—The Second Chamber has adopted the Treaty of Commerce with Turkey.—Reuter.

## "THE MAGIC FLAME"

### VILMA BARKY AND RONALD COLMAN

#### AT THE WORLD

Starring that pair who have delighted Hong Kong fans more times than one, "The Magic Flame," now showing at the World Theatre, will afford admirers of Ronald Colman and Vilma Barky a chance of seeing the two together in one of the finest of their famous series.

"The Magic Flame" can be aptly described as a picture of moving scenes, showing at the commencement life in a circus, where the clown (Colman) and the trapeze artist (Miss Barky) are in love. How another gentleman came into the simple life of these two, and started trouble, is portrayed a climax in which Colman who plays a double part, being villain, as well as hero, kills himself and impersonates the slain person, who happens to be a king. Vilma Barky has an important part to play and ably supports Colman, on whom chief honours must be bestowed. He plays his double role very satisfactorily, and thus demonstrates his great ability. Others whom have made a name for themselves on the screen are included in a strong cast. The picture is well worth a visit.

## "ROSE MARIE"

### COMING TO THE QUEEN'S

Lovers of thrilling, yet tender, screen romance against a pictorial background will find it on Sunday and Monday at the Queen's Theatre when "Rose Marie" will be shown. Beautiful Joan Crawford has the title role and James Murray has the role of the romantic and mysterious young man who comes from the north woods into a fur trading post, starting trouble for everybody, including himself. The large supporting cast includes House Peters, Creighton Hale, Polly Moran, Gertrude Astor and Lionel Melmore. Among the many interesting features of the new picture is an exciting canoe race for which more than a hundred birchbark canoes were shipped from Canada to California, and are used in a scene which depicts the return of trappers to the fur-trading post following a winter's work in the Canadian wilds. A thrilling scene in the form of an ice flood comes as the climax to the splendid story.

## NOTICE.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre "Fazil." To-day—World Theatre: "The Magic Flame" (at 5.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "Nemesia" part I (at 2.30 and 15).

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Flame of Yukon."

Dec. 23-24—Queen's Theatre: "Rose Marie."

Dec. 23-24—World Theatre: "Stage Struck" (at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m., Chinese picture "Nemesia" part II, at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

Dec. 23-24—Star Theatre: "The Quarterback."

Dec. 25-26—Queen's Theatre: "Hula."

Dec. 25-26—World Theatre: "The Better 'Ole."

Dec. 25-26—Star Theatre: "Hot Water."

Dec. 27-29—Queen's Theatre: "The Divine Woman."

Dec. 27-29—World Theatre: "Seventh Heaven."

Dec. 27-29—Star Theatre: "Paris At Midnight."

Land Sale

Dec. 24—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Samshui, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

Dec. 22—At Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Dec. 24—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, Machinery, steel barrels and iron drums, 11 a.m.

Sports

Dec. 21—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, Postponed League Matches, 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 23—"Cross-country scramble" at Hunters Arms, 11 a.m.

Dec. 28—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H. K. Club "A", 5 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

Dec. 23—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Quiet hour, Speaker, Mr. J. H. Hunt.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tiffin, Members will invite Service Guests, 1 p.m.

Dec. 26—Boxing Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. All day Ramble to Talmohan, Ladies invited.

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### 1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy

### 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin

### 1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy

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### No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

### 1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy

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### 1 pt. Peppermint G.F.

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## CARVALHO YEO.

FULL COURT DISMISSES  
POINT

### APPEAL TO GOVERNOR?

The Full Court, comprising His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, K.C.) and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice P. Jacks, sat at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon to consider a point which arose in the course of the trial of Carvalho Yeo in connection with the Treasury fraud. The point was Mr. F. C. Jenkin's request for the production of the files of the Criminal Intelligence Department concerning the department's investigation concerning Tsang On-wing and Chan Man-kun. This Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, refused to do, and Mr. Justice Jacks (who heard the case against Yeo) ruled that the C.I.D. came under the privilege of protection. The question as to whether or not the file was admissible was reserved for the consideration of the Full Court.

Yeo's Request  
When the Court sat yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Crown supported by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Mr. C. A. S. Russ, Yeo's solicitor attended, but Mr. Jenkin, counsel for defence, was not present.

The Chief Justice read a letter from Mr. Jenkin stating that the defence did not now propose to seek a decision of the Full Court on the point reserved.

Adding "I understand that this point has been abandoned by your legal advisers," the Chief Justice asked Yeo if he had anything to say. Yeo replied that he did not "quite catch" the meaning of the letter read by His Lordship, and requested that it be interpreted to him in Chinese.

The Chief Justice pointed out to Yeo that he understood perfectly all that was said in English during the trial, and therefore he did not require an interpreter now.

Yeo repeated his request, and after consultation with Mr. Justice Jacks, Mr. Jenkin's letter was translated to Yeo in Chinese, "Very Heavy."

Asked again if he had anything to say, Yeo said that for a first offence, his sentence was "very heavy." He went on to say that he had read in the newspapers of other cases of forgery and uttering involving from \$130,000 to \$150,000, in which sentence of only five years had been passed.

The Chief Justice said that the Full Court had nothing to do with the sentence. If Yeo wished to make any representation on that point he must send a petition to the Governor. The only point to be considered by the Court was whether the file of the C.I.D. was admissible or not, and as Yeo's Counsel did not wish to seek a decision on the point, it must be ruled that the learned Puisne Judge's ruling that it was not admissible was correct, and the point dismissed.

Adjourned.  
Addressing Mr. Fitzroy, the Chief Justice said that the letter from Mr. Jenkin was received on December 18, and as the defence no longer desired the point to be dealt with, there was no need for Mr. Fitzroy to say anything. His Lordship also explained that the Full Court had assembled because it was not possible to accept Mr. Jenkin's letter, and must hold a meeting and bring the matter properly before the Court.

The Full Court was then adjourned sine die.

## TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY  
G.O.W.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

"The Voice of the Southland" and "Lady of Havana"—Fox Trot.

Thelma Terry and her Play Boys.

"Away Down South in Heaven" and "Didn't I Tell You"—Layton and Johnstone.

"Dawn of To-morrow" Waltz and "Polly" Novelty Fox Trot—Hotel Astor Orchestra.

"Rhapsodie No. 2" Liszt—Squire Coleste Octet.

"Flutering Birds" Gennip and "Idylle Bretonne" Gennip—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Quartet in E Flat" Schubert—(a) Allegro Moderato, (b) Adagio.

(c) Allegro—Musical Art Quartet.

"Aida" O. Patricia Mia and "Il Trovatore" D'Amor Sull' All-Roscoe—Eva Turner.

"Songs Without Words in D" Mendelssohn and "Melodie" Tschannowsky—Solo by Gaspard Cassade.

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## YAUMATI SCHOOL

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET  
HELD

### 23 EVENTS

A long and interesting programme comprising 23 events was successfully gone through at King's Park, Kowloon, yesterday, when the 12th annual athletic sports meeting of the Yaumati School was held in the presence of a large gathering of supporters of the school.

Competition in the various events was very keen and a fine day's sports was enjoyed by all. The students did exceptionally well in the high jump, the winner of which cleared 5ft. 1in.

Much interest centred on the relay race open to all schools, and it provided much excitement. Wanchai Government School won, with Queen's College a good second.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. C. Mycock, the headmaster, invited Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, to distribute the prizes.

Mr. Wood, replying said that he felt honoured by having been asked to perform the pleasant duty of giving away the prizes. He thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sports, particularly the master's race. He was glad to see that the masters who had worked hardest behind the scenes secured places in that race.

### Results

The results were:—  
100 yards, Group I. 1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Li Hon-ho; 3, Chan Kam-wing.

100 yards, Group II.—1, Pun Chuen-pui; 2, Leung Tak-wai; 3, Yuen Wa-cheuk.

100 yards, Group III.—1, Pun Sai-kit; 2, Chan New-wan; 3, Chan Yin-wan.

High Jump, Group I.—1, Ip Shui-ming; 2, Chan Kam-wing; 3, Leung Chin-man.

High Jump, Group II.—1, Li Sui-hung; 2, Yuen Hon-ching; 3, Sung Tak-wai.

High Jump, Group III.—1, Chan Yin-wan; 2, Pun Sai-kit; 3, Li Sui-luen.

Sack Race.—1, Au Kwong-wai; 2, Li Sui-hung; 3, Chung Shui-ho.

Flag Race.—1, Pun Sai-kit; 2, Chan Yin-wan; 3, Tsang Tak-chuen.

Long Jump, Group I.—1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Chan Kam-wing; 3, Li Hon-ho.

Long Jump, Group II.—1, Li Sui-hung; 2, Yuen Hon-ching; 3, Chung Ming-kwong.

Long Jump, Group III.—1, Pun Sai-kit; 2, Chan Yin-wan; 3, Li Sui-luen.

Three-legged race.—1, Li Hon-ho and Tse Che-kau; 2, Tam U-fong and Chan Sik-lun; 3, To Yun-wing and Chan Kam-wing.

Three Hundred Yards, Group I.—1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Li Hon-ho; 3, Chan Kam-wing.

Three Hundred Yards, Group II.—1, Li Sui-hung; 2, Chung Ming-kwong; 3, Yuen Wa-cheuk.

200 Yards Handicap, Group III.—1, Lo Tse-choy; 2, Pun Sai-kit; 3, Cheung Chow-ming.

Pick-a-back Race.—1, Ip Shui-ming and Leung Hon-ming; 2, To Yun-wing and Chan Kam-wing; 3, Li Hon-ho and Leung Yun-sang.

400 Yards for past pupils.—1, Lo Kwong-to; 2, Fung Chi-to; 3, Lam Ho-kwan.

Inter-class team race (Senior).—1, Class 4A.

Inter-class team race (Junior).—1, Class 6B.

Invitation Team Race.—1, Wanchai School.

Masters' Race.—1, Mr. Chiu Him; 2, Mr. Sung On-wing; 3, Mr. Ho Yan-tak.

Tug of War.—1, "A" Division.

Consolation Race.—1, Wong Man-chi; 2, Wong Kam-pai; 3, Li Kwan-lun.

## SQUASH RACKETS

BRITISH TEAM BEATS  
AMERICANS

London, Yesterday.  
Great Britain beat America 5-0 in a five-side squash rackets match at the Bath Club, London.

The British champion, W. D. MacPherson, beat the American champion, H. N. Rawlins 9-2, 9-7, 9-2.

P. Reiss beat Keefe 9-0, 9-3, 9-0. Captain V. Cazalet beat Wright 9-4, 6-9, 9-6, 9-1.

Backhouse beat Gilmore 10-8, 9-3, 9-9, 9-7.

Tomkinson beat Powers 9-3, 9-3, 9-3.—Reuter.

"A" Day's Broadcasting.—(By Request).  
"Scenes Pittoresque"—(a) Marche, (b) Air De Ballet, (c) Angelus, (d) Fete Boheme—Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.  
10 p.m.—News Bulletin.  
"Aida," Ritoria Vincter—Eva Turner.  
"Le Maschera," Sinfonia (Maschera)—Milan Symphony Orchestra.  
"Berceuse in D Flat," Chopin and "Romance in F Sharp Major," Schumann—Pianoforte Solo by William Murdoch.  
"Il Trovatore," Duet Act 4—Arangi-Lombardi and Carlo Galeffi.  
God Save The King.  
Close Down.

## THE VOLUNTEERS

COMMANDANT ISSUES NEW  
ORDERS

### PROMOTIONS

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

#### Field Day

On Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929, a field firing tactical exercise will be carried out at Fanling in which all units of the Corps will participate. All ranks are requested to keep the day open.

#### Corps Orders

No Corps Orders will be issued on Friday, Dec. 28, 1928, next orders will be issued on Jan. 4, 1929.

#### Camp Pay

All units will parade under Company arrangements to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters on Friday, Dec. 21, 1928.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long

#### Service Medal

The following extract from the "Hong Kong Government Gazette" No. 53 of Dec. 14, 1928, is repeated for information.

"The medal shall be worn after all British War Medals in such order as may from time to time be assigned to it, suspended from the left breast by a green ribbon of one inch and a quarter in width."

#### Corps Band

There will be a full Band Practice on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

#### The Battery

Friday, Dec. 21, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of drawing camp pay.

Battery Dinner. It is proposed to hold the annual dinner either in the last week of January or the first week of February, 1929.

Will all members please advise the O.C. Battery, as early as possible, if there are any dates within the above period on which they will not be able to attend in order that a date on which the maximum number can attend may be fixed.

#### Corps Signals

Monday, Jan. 7, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

#### Mounted Infantry Co.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the Machine Gun. Dress: Overalls.

#### Armoured Car Co.

Car Section. Friday, Dec. 21, 1928. The Section will parade to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

#### Machine Gun Co.

Those who have not yet fired Part II. Musketry Course will do so at Stonecutters on dates as hereunder:—

Sunday, Jan. 6.—No. 2 Platoon, under Lieut. J. N. Owen.

Sunday, Jan. 13.—No. 1 Platoon, under Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters at times given below:—

Fridays, Jan. 4 and 11, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.

Saturdays, Jan. 5 and 12, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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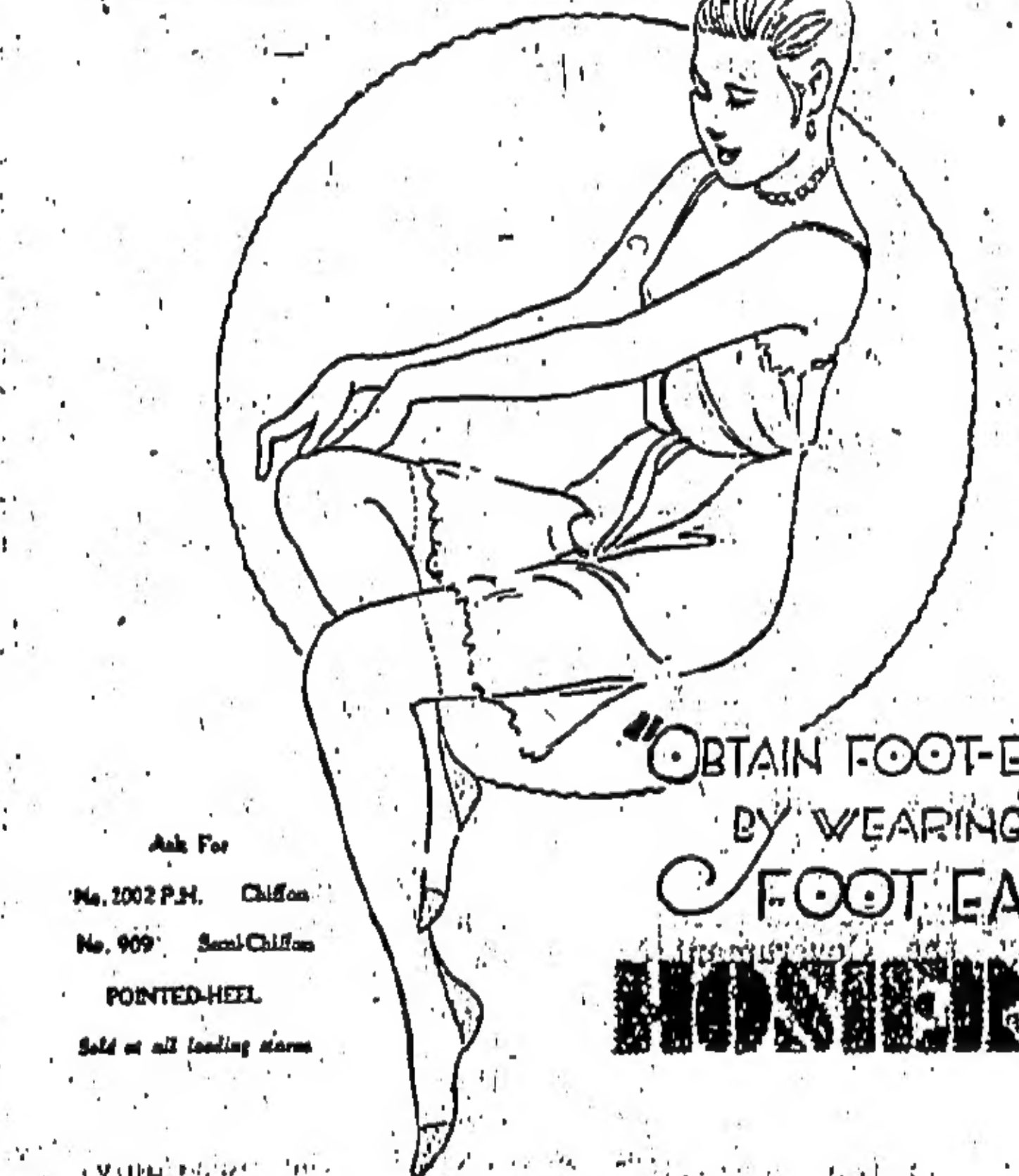
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No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

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Musketry Part II. Those who have not yet fired Part II. Musketry Course will do so at Stonecutters on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1929.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 11, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be expected to be present.

Promotions.  
No. 948 Lee-Corpl. G. Davidson, M.I. Co. to be Corporal, as from Dec. 14, 1928.

No. 971 Lee-Corpl. R. O. Sutherland, No. 7 Platoon, to be Corporal as from Dec. 19, 1928.

Transfer.  
No. 578 Sergt. V. Goulborn is transferred from Car Section to the Reserve Company, as from Nov. 26, 1928.

No. 1259 Spr. C. A. L. Rickett is transferred from the Engineer Company to the Car Section, as from Dec. 12, 1928.

## Reversion

No. 455 Corpl. T. C. T. Beck, M.I. Company, is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request, as from Dec. 16, 1928.

Leave.  
No. 1380 Pte. J. L. Litton, No. 2 Platoon, sick leave from Dec. 9, 1928, to June 8, 1929.

No. 1184 Sigm. A. S. Ismail, Corps Signals, from Dec. 12, 1928, to Jan. 15, 1929.

No. 868 Lee-Corpl. A. Nissim, Car Section, from Dec. 17, 1928, to Jan. 11, 1929.

Struck Off.  
Having left the Colony, as from Nov. 21, 1928:—

No. 767 Pte. S. H. Clark, No. 1 Platoon.

Having claimed his discharge on completion of three years' service, as from Nov. 18, 1928:—

No. 832 Pte. W. J. Howard, No. 2 Platoon.

Marksmen.  
The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 21 Lee-Corpl. F. C. Goodman, No. 6 Platoon, 110 points.

No. 971 Corpl. R. O. Sutherland, No. 7 Platoon, 94 points.

Notice.  
The Commandant wishes all ranks of the Corps a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



## SOCCER

The "Sunday Herald" Internationals

## CHINESE DERBY

## Attractive Christmas Programme

[By "Rover"]

The official programme with officials for Saturday is as follows:—

**Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.**  
 South China v. Chinese Athletic, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Hollands.  
 Club v. Small Units, Club ground—referee, Capt. Austin, R.A.  
 Kowloon v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Kowloon A.F.C.—referee, Engr. Wt. Barbour, R.N.  
 Police v. Navy (A), St. Joseph's, Happy Valley—referee, L.B.S. Atkinson, R.N.  
 R.A. v. Club Recreio, Sookumpoo—referee, Ed. Mr. Kerslake.

**Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.**  
 K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Eastern, Sookumpoo—referee, Sgt. Toms.  
 Navy (B) v. Queen's, Navy ground—referee, Cpl. Lees.  
 R.A. v. Kowloon, Chatham-road—referee, St. Sgt. Gilmour.  
 South China B v. St. Joseph's, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Stokess.

**Recreio v. Chinese Athletic, Recreio ground, King's Park—referee, L.S. Hatnell, R.N.**  
 R.A.F. v. Small Units, Kowloon—referee, C. P. O. Craig.  
 The big match on Saturday is the meeting of the two local Chinese Clubs, South China and the Athletic. The Athletic are playing very little below the brilliant form of last season, whilst the South China XI have improved greatly, and up to date possess an unbeaten record in the League. Each of the Chinese Clubs so far this season has relied on the bare XI with one or two reserves for emergencies. Herein lies the secret of their success, for combination has been the big feature in both Clubs.

The match should be intensely interesting, and the result very difficult to forecast, as the importance of the match, will, I think very seriously affect the play, but on form-there should be very little between the teams at the final and certainly neither side should claim a runaway, unless the unexpected happens.

The Club and Small Units match should be of considerable interest, but although the Small Units defeated the Club earlier in the season in a friendly, I fully expect Club to improve their goal average on Saturday, and get full points consequently. The Club in their last League match surprisingly defeated a strong Naval XI by three clear goals. Goldman's liveliness forward has rejuvenated the team, I expect the Club to do much better things in future than their records to date indicate, as they have a strong playing list available.

The Police and Navy game at the Valley would be a fine one if it could be played on a better pitch, as these Junior pitches are not good enough for a big match. A dour game, with a close result, but Navy after their recent match with Army are now favourites, and with a slice of luck may spoil the Police's fine run of successes. Navy will not have the assistance of the "Kent" players but will field a warm lot. "Hermes" and "Berwick" players filling the breach.

The R. A. entertain Recreio at Sookumpoo. This should be a hard match. With a full side, which is likely in view of the approaching Portugal v. Scotland match, Recreio should at least share the points, and as the large ground will suit their fast forwards, I think they will get the points. It should be a good match anyhow.

At Kowloon the only match in the 1st Division is on the Railway ground, and the Borderers should prove a fine draw. This match will be a real test of strength for the locals, as the Regimental team is going strong.

The Junior programme is interesting. The K.O.S.B. Regiment should not take Eastern too easily as they will find the latter have several very capable players. They furnished Queen's Regiment Reserves with a surprise on Saturday last. The big match in the Junior programme is Navy v. Queen's Regiment. I fancy the Navy, and R.A., St. Joseph's, Chinese Athletic and R.A.F. should add to their League points on Saturday.

The Christmas programme is all of a "Charity" nature and of exceptional interest. The International matches for the "Sunday Herald"

## GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

AT FANLING

9.28 a.m.	A. B. Stewart, R. H. Hollis.
9.32 "	E. D. Black, H. Spicer.
9.36 "	R. A. Green, J. D. H. Crawford.
9.40 "	F. A. Merry, L. R. Andrews.
9.44 "	A. E. Wood, N. L. Smith.
9.48 "	W. J. S. Key, C. J. Waddell.
9.52 "	A. R. Cox, W. C. Clarke.
9.56 "	R. L. Stewart, H. N. Laver.
10.00 "	L. G. S. Dodwell, A. H. Ferguson.
10.04 "	R. K. Valentine, J. S. McEachran.
10.08 "	H. C. Williams, D. Forbes.
10.12 "	M. J. Mills, A. E. Mitchell.
10.16 "	V. M. Grayburn, J. D. Danby.
10.20 "	W. A. Weight, J. P. Sherry.
10.24 "	H. G. Sheldon, D. J. Lewis.
10.28 "	W. S. McKinley, L. J. Blackburn.
10.32 "	I. H. Geare, K. E. Craig.
10.36 "	J. Baikes, H. U. Ireland.
10.40 "	W. J. Clerk, I. MacKay.
10.44 "	W. D. Brown, R. Young.
10.48 "	C. E. Holmes, T. L. Christie.
10.52 "	A. C. I. Bowker, D. J. Gilmore.
10.56 "	A. D. Humphreys, J. Cameron.
11.00 "	T. G. Weall, J. M. Norrie.
11.04 "	F. A. Perry, S. M. Mayes.
11.08 "	A. B. Purves, A. E. Lissaman.
11.12 "	F. A. Redmond, E. des Voeux.
11.16 "	P. P. J. Wodehouse, J. S. MacLaren.
11.20 "	L. Gardner, G. E. Towns.
11.24 "	L. Yates, H. A. Lammer.
11.26 "	A. Leach, Major Beamish.
11.36 "	C. B. Matthews, A. Webster.
11.40 "	A. B. Raworth, M. M. Mass.
11.44 "	R. E. Greensmith, R. Barrett.
11.48 "	D. Ellis, J. Gardner.

McBride (Capt.), Stewart, Wallington; Watson, Alexander Goldman, Scott, Trambitzky.

Royal Navy "A" v. Police  
 Royal Navy:—Brookman ("Titania"); Abbott ("Berwick"); Baker ("Titania"); Cope ("Tamar"); Parks ("Berwick"); Moss ("Cumberland"); Barkham ("Titania"); Evans ("Bruce"); Firth ("Hermes"); Mann ("Cumberland"); Bowles ("Cumberland").

Police:—Clarke; Wynne; Williams; Brittain; Hudson; Jessop; Johnston; McGreevy; Fraser; Oram; Shephard.  
 South China v. Chinese Athletic  
 South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang; Lau Kau; Leung Wing-tuk; Pang Wa-hing; Leung Wing-chui; Li Tin-choy; Pau Ka-chuen; Fung King-cheung; Lau Mau; Ip Pak-wa.

Royal Navy "B" v. Queen's Rgt. Res.  
 Royal Navy "B":—Roberts ("Berwick"); Willis ("Cumberland"); Carey ("Hermes"); Usher ("Hermes"); Sims ("Tamar"); Greenland ("Sepoy"); Clark ("Titania"); Ball ("Cumberland"); Goodridge ("Berwick"); Kennedy ("Berwick"); Honey ("Titania").

Kowloon F.C.  
 The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI v. K.O.S.B. on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Robson; Pile; Hedley; McKelvie; Easterbrook; Clemo; Spary; Miles; Hayes; Baldwin. Reserve: Davies.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI v. R.A. on Chatham-road ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus; Nicholls; Hast; Moore; Dunnatt; Blacklock; Hannan; White; Moss; King; Eastman. Reserves: Seddon; Waddington.

## WINS AGAIN

MRS. TOTTENHAM TAKES TENNIS HONOUR

OPEN CHAMPION

The ladies' open tennis Championship of the Colony, organised by the Ladies' Recreation Club, was won for the fourth year in succession by Mrs. R. E. Tottenham yesterday afternoon, when she defeated Miss Enid Lo by 9-11, 6-4.

Miss Lo was also runner-up last year when Mrs. Tottenham scored her third win. It was a closely contested match which provided many thrills for the large gathering of not enthusiasts who witnessed the game. The match was fought throughout from the baseline, the players going up to the net only to return occasional short deliveries. In the first set Miss Lo was the more aggressive of the two, but Mrs. Tottenham was very consistent, and gradually wore her opponent down with a stubborn defence. This set went into 20 games before it went to Miss Lo for 11-9. It was a fine battle of hard driving from the baseline, and both players drew much applause for their accurate placing.

**Ding-dong Struggle**  
 In the next two sets the pace was considerably reduced, but neither player lost accuracy. It was a ding-dong struggle in the second set with Miss Lo first taking the lead, which afterwards went to Mrs. Tottenham for 4-2. Then Miss Lo rallied and evened matters at 4 all. After this Mrs. Tottenham forged ahead, and winning the next two games took the set for 6-4.

The same thing happened in the third set. Miss Lo led at the start, but was unable to retain her advantage. It looked like a quick set when Mrs. Tottenham led 5-2, but Miss Lo came back strongly and claimed the next two games. With the score reading 5-4 in favour of Mrs. Tottenham, excitement ran high when the tenth game was started. Miss Lo at first looked like evening up, but Mrs. Tottenham was in fighting mood, and by aggressive means secured the points and set for 6-4.

At the conclusion of the match, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Luard in the place of Mrs. Hancock, who, as announced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who umpired the match, was unable to attend as she would have liked, on account of illness. Mr. Lindsell expressed thanks to Mrs. Luard for stepping into the breach.

## LADIES' HOCKEY

There will be an inter-club match at King's Park to-morrow at 3.30 when the following ladies (representing the Officers of the Club): B. Laing, M. Bird, J. Coppin, A. Owen-Hughes, J. Whyte, J. Andrews (capt.), I. C. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. Bell, B. Baker, P. Goodall will meet the following teams representing the rest of the Club:—M. Wallace, F. Cousins, A. Steel, E. O'Hagen, M. Russell, E. Taylor, M. Hansen, E. Russell, M. Riggs, C. Furgerson, M. J. Jarvis.

## EXCHANGES.

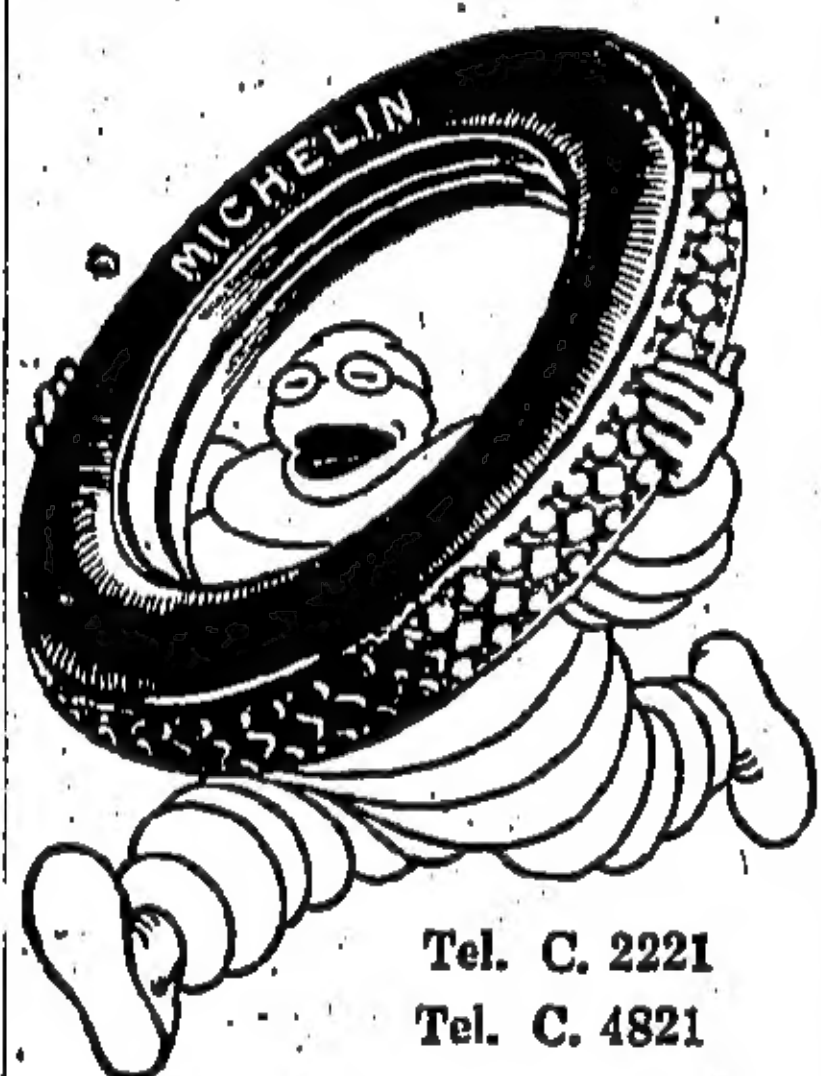
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## A NEW MINISTER

Nanking, Yesterday.  
 The Nationalist Government has decided to appoint Mr. Chao Tai-ven Minister of the Interior, and to transfer General Yan Hsi-shan to the post of Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Committee.—Reuter.

Newcastle City Council rejected a £750,000 new street scheme designed to ease traffic on the Tyne bridges opened by the King in October.

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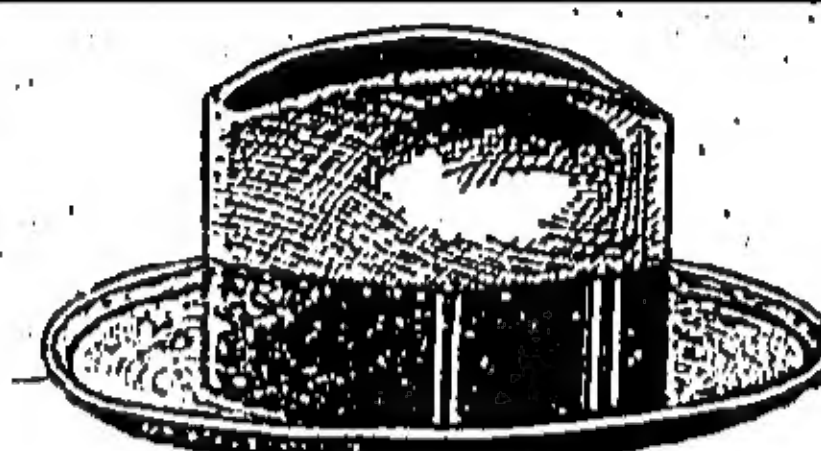
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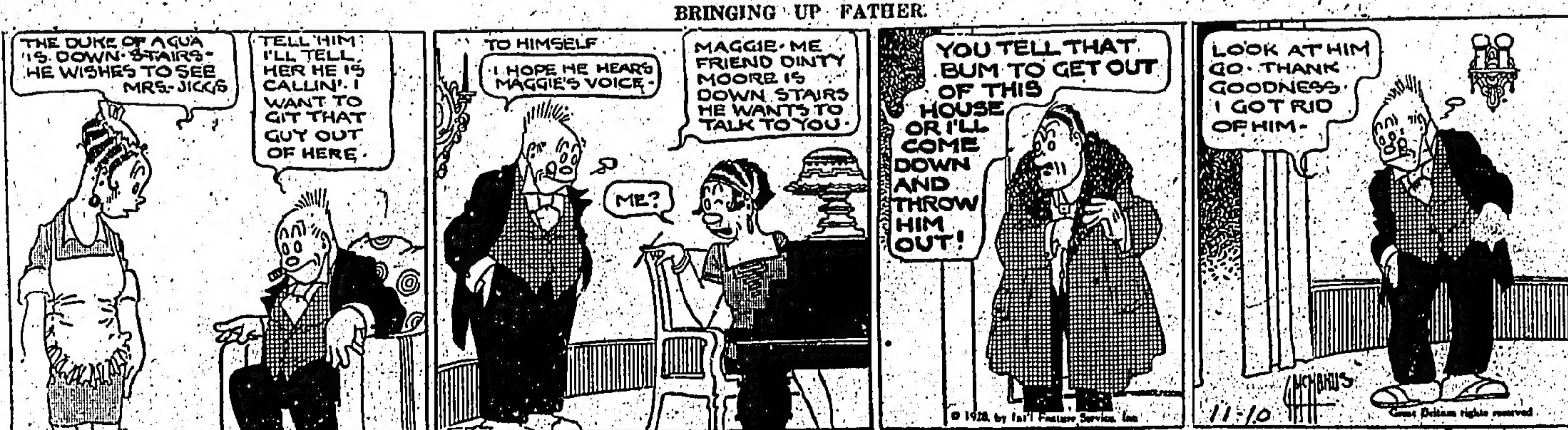
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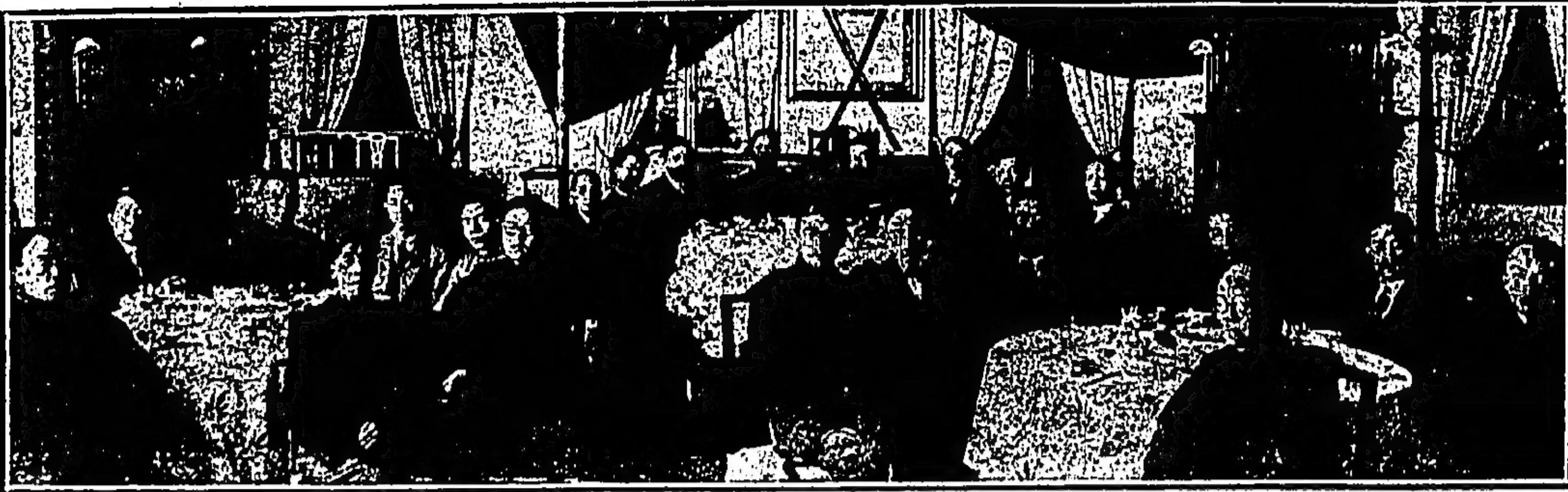
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

## International Labour Chief Feted By Chinese



M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Bureau of the League of Nations, was the guest of honour at the largely attended reception given by the four Chinese Chambers of Commerce of Shanghai, at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Building, where the above photo was taken.—(C. H. Wong Studio).

## Their Ancient Enmity Forgotten



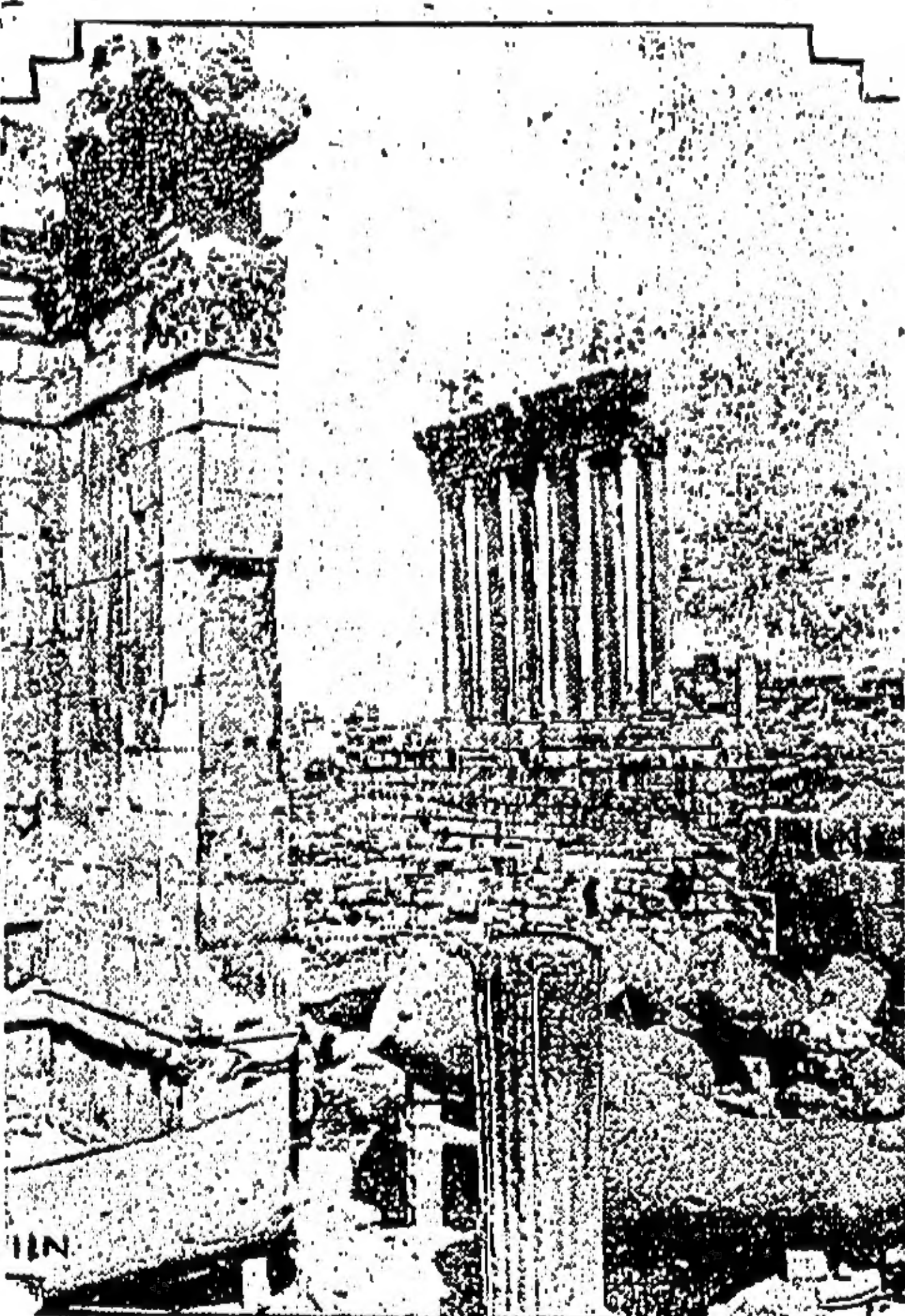
For more than five years the lion and dog shown above have lived side by side in enforced domesticity in the Johannesburg Zoo. In the beginning the dog was almost as large as the lion cub, fighting some of his battles even when small boys became unduly friendly, but latterly their positions have been reversed. Now it is the lion which is the leader and protector.

## Spent Night in Open Boat



The above photo shows Earl Devore, the famous racing driver, at wheel of his machine. He was one of passengers aboard the Lamport and Holt liner "Vestria," which went down 300 miles off the Virginia Capes.

## To Restore the City of the Sun



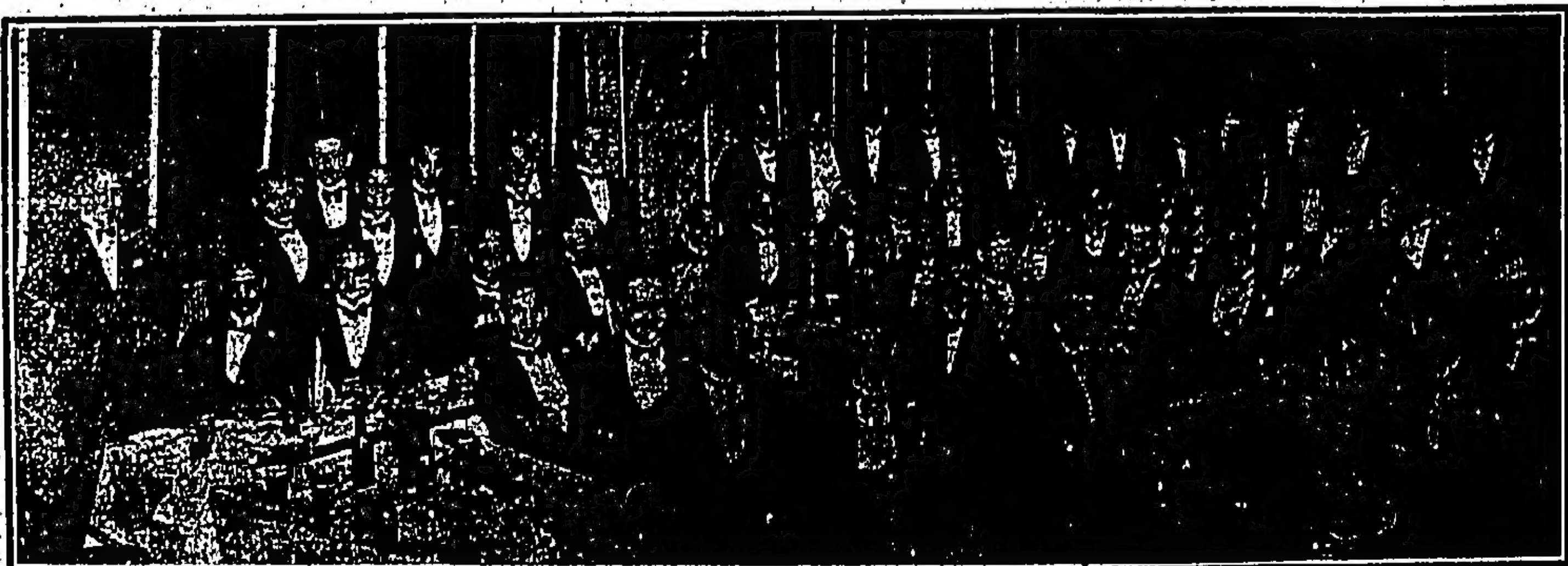
Here is an exclusive photo of one of the colonnades of the Temple of Baal, the ancient place of worship in Baalbek, Syria, which the French Government has undertaken to restore. Other temples to be rebuilt are those to Jupiter, Venus and Bacchus. Baalbek, rudely shaken by recent severe earthquakes, was identified with the god Helios. The ancient city was built in 138-161 by Antonius Pius, the Roman.

## Edinburgh Youth in Jail



Left, Donald Merritt, a handsome Edinburgh youth and ex-variety man, who was sentenced to three years for a series of worthless cheques. Upper right, his mother, who committed suicide when her deceased husband's estate was spent by her son. Lower right Miss Vera Bonner, 17, who eloped with Merritt to Newcastle. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bonner who befriended Merritt after his mother's tragic death.

## Brantoco Football Club Holds Dinner



The first annual dinner and smoking concert of the Brantoco Club, Shanghai, was held at the Pownall Club. About 60 people attended. Mr. H. Langley was in the chair. Mr. Alec Leslie, guest of honour, representing the Shanghai Football Association, presented the Nestle's Cup for the last season.—(Ah Fong).

## To the Philippines



Major-General Paul D. Malone, a distinguished World War veteran in the U.S. Army, who has been named by President Coolidge to succeed Major-General Johnson Hagood as commander of U.S. Army units in the Philippines. He will assume command in May.

## Of Hollywood



Fay Wray, who bought Florence Vidor's English-style house.

## Indicted in Probe



Mr. Asa Keyes (district attorney of Los Angeles County, who has been indicted on charges of wilful corruption and misconduct in office in connection with the Julian Petroleum Co. investigation and trial. Six others also were indicted.

## German Chancellor



Dr. Hermann Mueller, Chancellor of the German Republic.

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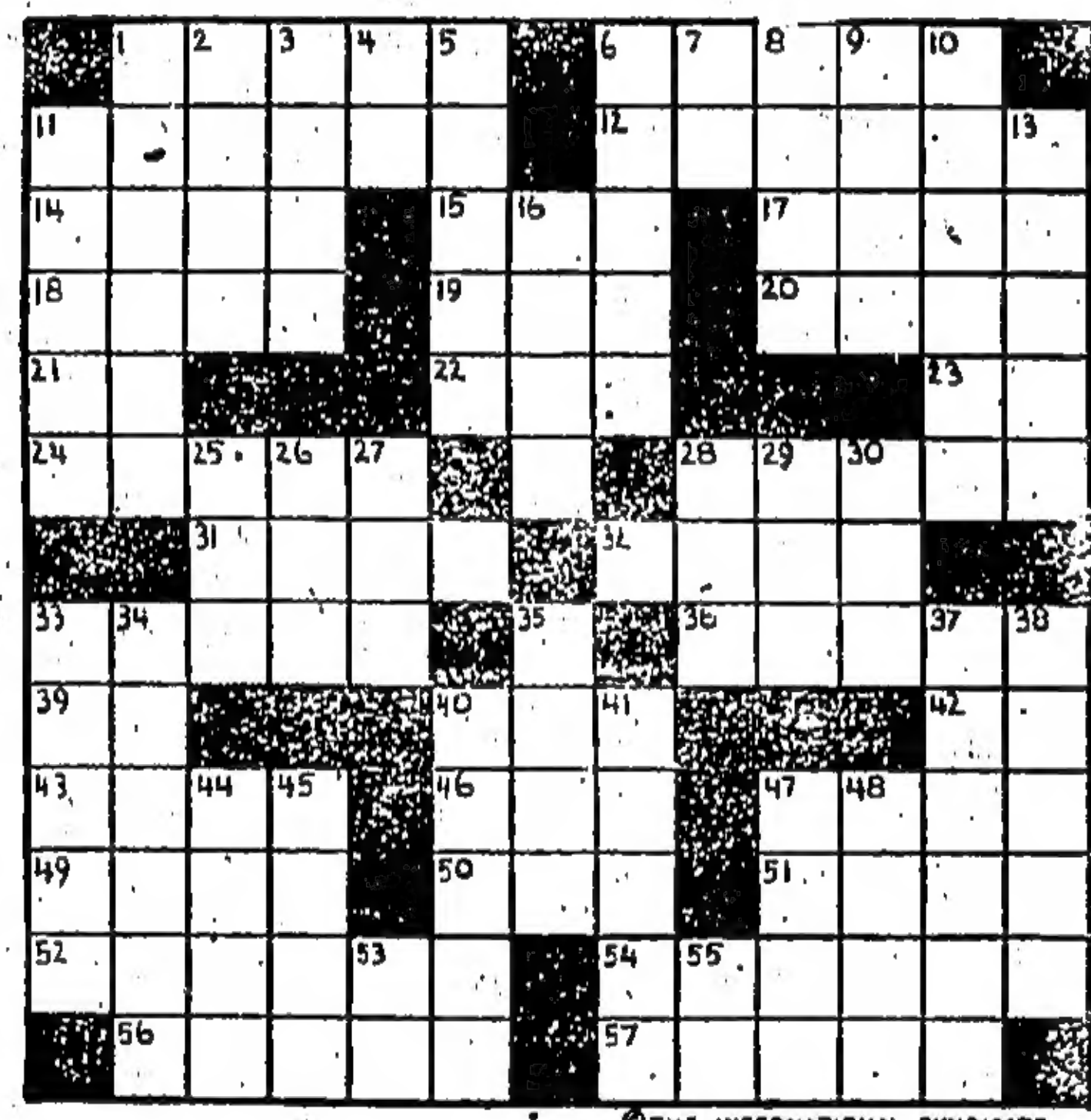
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Tubes
- 2—South American animal
- 11—A military review
- 12—Buoyed up
- 14—Dangerous animal
- 15—A limb of the body
- 17—Refuse, approval to
- 18—Hole
- 19—Light blow
- 20—Send forth
- 21—Civil Engineer (abbr.)
- 22—Recline
- 23—Note of the scale
- 24—An approach (pl.)
- 28—Tests of speed
- 31—To render muddy
- 32—Pomp
- 33—Rate of progress
- 36—A parent
- 38—A parent (shortened)
- 40—Look up
- 42—Near
- 43—Kind of liquor (pl.)
- 46—Land measure
- 47—Hypocritical talk
- 49—Talk insanely
- 50—Beverage
- 51—Girl's name
- 52—Siberian plain devoid of trees
- 54—List of members
- 56—Pierce
- 57—Gibe

### VERTICAL

- 1—Grieved
- 2—A metal
- 3—Kitchen utensils
- 4—Man's name (familiar)
- 5—Chairs
- 6—Lure
- 7—Man's name (familiar)
- 8—To surface a roadway
- 9—Newspaper account
- 10—Go to bed
- 11—A fold or ridge
- 13—Lavishes fondness upon
- 15—Toile incursion
- 25—Anger
- 26—Part of a foot
- 27—Boy's name (familiar)
- 28—Male sheep
- 29—Southern State (abbr.)
- 30—Part of auto engine
- 33—Boxes
- 34—The roof of the mouth
- 35—Devotion
- 37—Mode
- 38—Oil of roses
- 40—Subsequent
- 41—Summer fruit (pl.)
- 44—Level
- 46—Abbr. for a month
- 47—Shipping box
- 49—Prefix meaning "before"
- 53—Protestant Episcopal (abbr.)
- 55—Upon

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION.



## HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hilberds)	2297
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

## CHINA ASSCN.

(Continued from Page 4.)

if sturdy and truculent, they became robbers. The existing state of affairs was particularly well described by a Chinese General, speaking in pigeon-English. He said: "No. 1 man can walkee, can fight; he belong robber. No. 2 man can walkee, no can fight; he belong coolie. No. 3 man no walkee, no fight; he belong soldier." (Laughter.) When such a state of affairs existed could it be wondered that trade languished? Trade in China at the present time was conducted under circumstances of extreme difficulty, and it therefore behooved British merchants to make unusual efforts to conserve their trade, otherwise they would lose it altogether. They must learn the Chinese language; they must familiarise themselves with Chinese manners and customs, and they must habituate themselves to mingling socially with the Chinese. The Hong Kong University had recently established a school of Chinese for the express purpose of assisting Britishers who dealt with Canton to learn the Cantonese language. The Hong Kong University also intended to organise a Faculty of Chinese, which would be of immense importance in promoting Anglo-Chinese friendship, because it would enable young Chinese of the class from which Mandarins were made to take their degree at Hong Kong in Chinese subjects at a time which would help them in their official career in their own country, while at the same time they would, as undergraduates, see for themselves how Great Britain governed a colony. He hoped the China Association would use its influence with the Government to secure for Hong Kong University a liberal grant from the Boxer Indemnity Fund, of which two and a half millions were still in the hands of the British Treasury. No expenditure would be better calculated to promote friendship between the United Kingdom and China. One matter of the utmost importance to British trade was the maintenance of the integrity of the Chinese Maritime Customs under its foreign inspectorate. That splendid service was the bulwark of foreign trade and the one firm rock in the shifting sands of Chinese finance. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, "For he's a jolly good fellow" being heartily sung and three cheers given.

**A Word For Those On The Spot**  
The Chairman, in responding, said: It is past the time when we usually repair to the next room

and talk about old times, so beyond thanking Sir Cecil Clementi for the kind way in which he has alluded to me and to our Association, I only desire to say a few words in regard to one of the remarks made by Sir Laming. He talked of more local effort amongst the British community in China. This year the policy of H.M. Government has been very definitely laid down, and as loyal British subjects we are doing our best to make it a success. Particularly is that true as regards our colleagues on the spot in China, especially those in Tientsin, Shanghai and Hankow. At Tientsin as you no doubt know, the old distinctions in respect of the franchise have been abolished, and Chinese and foreigners now vote on an equal footing, while at Shanghai, too, Chinese representation in the affairs of the International Settlement has entered upon a new and, I think, a promising phase. At Hankow it has required infinite patience and tact on the part of the three British Councillors, in co-operation with the Chinese to get the new arrangement into working order, and I think that the considerable improvement there is striking evidence of their perseverance and helpfulness. I mention this, gentlemen, because I doubt whether we on this side sufficiently appreciate what has been done by our colleagues out in China. (Cheers.) I thank you, gentlemen, most sincerely for the way in which you have accepted this toast. (Loud cheers.)

The formal proceedings, then terminated.

### Those Present

Besides those already mentioned the following were present:—  
Abbott, F. J., Allibert, J. J., Alway, W. T., Argent, W. A., Bagge, J. Picton, Baker, Fred, Lo, Baker, Lieut.-Col. J. Mitchell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Beaumont, John L., Belaw, Col. N. T. C.B., Bernard, D. G. M., Billingham, Dr. Bird, H. W., Blackwell, R., Blechynden, A. L., Borrett, Admiral, C.B., Bowra, C. A. V., Brierley, Col. G. B. T. C.M.G., D.S.O., Bruce, J. S., Bryer, Alfred, Buchan, R.G., Bugbird, F. H., Buyers, W. B., Carroll, E. J., Carroll, F. G. Carter, W. Castle, T. M., Chalmers, A. M. C.M.G., Chater, Vernon, Clark, F. S., Clark, Henry W., Clarke, Tom, Cox, P. A., Coxon, R. E., Crockatt, J. L., Crombie, H., Crossley, F. H., Davies, W. H., Trenchard, Deacon, E. E., Denny, Major R. B., Dew, G. C., Dew, P. R., Dickens, Capt. G. G., C.M.G., R.N., Dickinson, Lieut. W. H., R.N., Dipple, R. P., Dowell, G. M., Duncan, A. R., Evans, P.M., M.A., L.L.D., J.F., Edkins, G.T.

Farnham, F. D. K., Fearon, G. D., Fisher, W., Flower, J. A., Gardner, H., Gardner, J. G., Gill, Raymond, Godin, S. W., Goffe, Sir Herbert, Grove, Frank, O.B.E., Gull, E. M.

Hall, A. C., Hartford, Captain G. B., D.S.O., R.N., Haskell, J. S., Hay, C. D. E., Hay, C. H. P., Heath, A. H., Hegarty, H. G., Hide A., Higginbotham, H. B., Hill, Robert H., Hills, E. E., Hynd, R. R.

Jackson, Dr. J. W., Jamieson, E. G. C.B.E., Johnston, Leonard G., Jones, A. Probert, Jones, C. L., Jones, H. D. C.

Kellogg, A. G., Kershaw, F. W., Keswick, Major H.

Lang, A. O., Lambert, E. C., Lauder, F. A., Leefe, L. N., Leveson, Admiral, Sir A. G. C. B., Leveson, Admiral, Guest of, Libaud, E. J., Livingstone, W. S.

Mackay, E. F., Mackenzie, K., Mackintosh, C., L.L.D., Mackintosh, J. P., MacLachlan, Admiral C. B., Macleod, R. N., Macoun, J. H., Macray, H. A. J., Maitland, N. G., Marsh, E. L., Mayers, S. F., Mayne, Captain R. N., McGregor, D.

Cameroon, Melisac, J. Robertson, McLehlan, G. A., Michael, J. R., Miller, George, Mills, Colonel, Moore, C. Selby, Morling, W. A., Morris, E. R., Morrison, A. J., Mounsey, K. W., Moxon, G. C., Murphy, L. N.

Neill, Walter, Nissim, Joseph, Olive, V. C., Oram, W. Adams, Ottewill, H. A.

Paddfield, R. E. N., Perry, John H., Porter, Harold, C.M.G., Preston, W. E., Pugh, Norman, Purvis, Capt. C. E. Kennedy, R.N., Pyman, J. Sutcliffe.

Raymond, A. J., Reekie, W., Maxwell, O.B.E., Rees, J. F., van Reynolds, F. Oswald, Richardson, G. A., Richardson, J. Walter, Richardson, Sir Thomas, Roe, Herbert B., Rutherford, D. C.

Sandberg, C.P., Sandberg, N.P.P., Scott, F. R., Seymour, E. F., Shaw, T. H. R., Shenton, W. E. L., Simms, H. G., Smart, J. D., Smith, A. Brooke, Smith, H. Staples, Smith, Leo, Souter, Frank, Stabb, Sir Newton J., O.B.E., Stanton, E. A. Stephenson, G., Stephenson J. W., Stewart, Colonel

A. E., Stirling, Rear Admiral A. J. B. C.B., R.N., Stitt, G. H., Stockton, H. J., Stott, H. B., Strangman, Sir Thomas.

Tapp, J. R., Teakle, Rev. S. G., Treasdale, J. H., Theodor, William, Thompson, Colonel J. J., O.B.E., Town, C., Townsend, A. M., Truman, R. N., Turnbull, David, Turner, Sir Skinner, Kt.

Wade, R. H. R., Ward, J. C., Watson, N. L., Wells, F. A., White, Edward, Whittall, James, Whittall, Major J. M., Wilcox, H. C., Wilkinson, E. S., Wilkinson, H. V., Willy, Captain H. M., R.N.R., Witt, Sir Robert, Kt., C.B.E., Wood, A. P.

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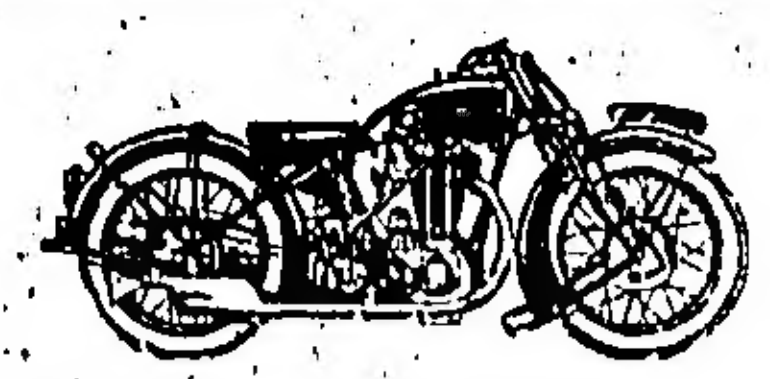


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Straits	Hakone Maru	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.		
Straits	Sulung	
Manila	President Pierce	
Shanghai and Amoy	Linan	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.		
Japan	St. Albans	

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	4.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, Jan. 18, 1929.	Kalyan	4.30 p.m.
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G.P.O. Parcels (Dec. 21) 5 p.m.		
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Amoy	Nalders	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kiukiang	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Chaksang	3.30 p.m.
Manila	Solviken	4.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	President Jackson	5 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Kaying	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Huichow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hiram	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hydrangea	9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Kalyan	9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.		
Shanghai and Japan	Canton Maru	10.30 a.m.
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## LONDON'S TERRIFIC GAS EXPLOSIONS

### FRESH DETAILS

### EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCES IN WEST-CENTRAL DISTRICT

#### ENORMOUS DAMAGE

London, Yesterday.  
The gas explosions which occurred early this morning under West-Central London, were of a terrific character and did a tremendous amount of damage.

Wonderfully enough, there was no loss of life but 17 persons were more or less seriously injured.

The effects of explosions were amazing.

Solid concrete roadways and pavements were torn like so much paper and heaved into heaps, leaving gaping holes many yards wide and deep.

In places roads were like petrified waves and huge slabs of pavement were piled up against the walls of houses and shops.

"Like A Small Earthquake"  
The scene resembled that wrought by a small earthquake.

Gas from broken mains swept over the district, and people in the streets staggered away gasping. Several families were nearly gassed, and were only just able to totter out of their flame-choked houses. Dozens of pedestrians were slung down.

Shop windows were shattered and houses shook, many sleepers being flung out of bed. Manholes shot into the air. One rose 70 feet and crashed through the roof and then through two floors without hurting anyone. A taxicab was hurled on to its side as a crater appeared beneath it, the driver being thrown down and hurt. Gas mains were ablaze all around.

In Gas Masks  
Workers in gas masks were rushed to the scene in lorries to deal with them and there was a general call for the fire brigade.

Householders in the affected area were asked by the borough surveyor not to use naked lights until, officially told that it was safe to do so, and "no smoking" warnings issued by the police, were hung on the wrecked lamp-posts.

In the afternoon there was a new explosion and a five-story building in Bloomsbury was enveloped in flames.

Crowds dashed to safety.  
It is stated that the damage done to roads, gas and water mains and telegraph and telephone cables will amount to about £150,000.—British Wireless Service.

Hundreds Homeless  
It is estimated that damage to the extent of £50,000 was done to roadways alone as the result of the gas explosions. Several hundred people are temporarily homeless.—Reuter.

### THE YEO TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

accuracy which, as explained in the paragraph immediately preceding, was not due primarily to the "China Mail." Mr. Potter said:—

It was reported in that way and, in fact, the question was put in that way by Mr. Jenkin, although no doubt he (Mr. Jenkin) would be the first to correct such an impression.

He (Mr. Potter) did not think the papers were entirely to blame, because they did not know what the document was.

To this must be added the concluding remarks of Mr. Jenkin, in reply to Mr. Potter.

It might fairly have been said that he misled the Press in making that statement when he was assuming his seat? He very much regretted it.

Corroboration  
Still the "China Mail" is not entirely satisfied with Mr. Jenkin's remarks by way of explanation. One of Mr. Jenkin's sentences was to the effect that:—

His recollection was that he did not ask Mr. Black if he could tell what it (the enlarged photograph) was in the sense that it was his specimen signature.

The "China Mail's" record of that question was:—That is your specimen signature given to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank for this account.

The "South China Morning Post's" record, published on the morning of Friday, Nov. 23, was:—Mr. Jenkin concluded his cross-examination by asking, "Is that your specimen signature to the Hong Kong Bank

## BRITAIN'S TRADE CONDITIONS

### A REVIEW

### MR. BALDWIN MAKES A STATEMENT IN COMMONS

#### SEA FREIGHT RATES

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin, reviewing conditions, said the country as a whole was prosperous and that industry was alive and growing. The dawn of a general trade revival, however, had disappointingly not matured. He traced the delay to the reduced spending powers due to the effects of the 1926 strike. 1928 had been singularly free of industrial trouble and he expected that full benefits therefrom would be manifested in 1929. The recent stiffening of sea freight rates had led to a large increase of orders for tramp steamers.—Reuter.

for this account? Witness did not reply.

Finally, as to the "S.C.M.P.'s" implication that certain words complained of were in the "China Mail."

Both the "China Mail" and the "Morning Post" said that the specimen (now known to have been a photo) was handed to Mr. Black and both explained that Mr. Jenkin asked if the specimen signature was by Mr. Black.

The words "specimen," "signature" and "writing" were used six times in the "China Mail" and eight times in the "S.C.M.P." Word for word, these passages were:—

"China Mail"  
1.—"Mr. Black and His Signature" (second heading).  
2.—Witness Does Not Identify His Own Specimen (fourth heading).  
3.—Counsel confronted the witness with the specimen signature.

4.—Mr. Jenkin asked if Mr. Black could say if the exhibit was his own signature.

5.—The signature was pasted on strong paper of about six inches by three inches.

6.—Mr. Jenkin, pointing to the exhibit: That is your specimen signature

"S.C.M.P."  
1.—His Own Signature Or Not? (first heading).  
2.—Witness Does Not Identify Writing Said to be His (second heading).  
3.—One of the salient features of yesterday's hearing at the trial of Carvalho Yeo was the failure of Mr. T. Black to identify a signature

which Mr. Jenkin said was a specimen signature.

4.—The specimen was handed to witness and Mr. Jenkin asked if it was his signature.

5.—Mr. Black replied that he did not know and repeated the answer after looking at the specimen again.

6.—Mr. Black was then handed a document having his name and was asked by Mr. Jenkin whether it was his signature.

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BOLOGNA - PARAGUAY DISPUTE  
AN M.P.'s QUERY  
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE EXPLAINED  
LEAGUE COUNCIL'S ACTION  
London, Yesterday.  
A question was asked in the House of Commons if the Foreign Secretary had entered into negotiations with the United States in order to secure, with the help of the League of Nations, a peaceful settlement of the dispute between the Governments of Bolivia and Paraguay.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied in the negative. He said the British Government had not thought it right to take any action on this question independent of the League of Nations. The Council of the League had telegraphed to the two Governments congratulating them on having accepted the good offices of Pan-American Congress and thus finding a peaceable means of composing their differences.—British Wireless Service.

### NEW "GOVERNOR"

GENERAL CHAN MING-SHU TAKES OATHS  
MARSHAL LI'S TRIBUTE  
"I am turning over my office to a man whose loyalty to the State cannot be questioned," said Marshal Li Chai-sum in Canton on Wednesday when General Chan Ming-shu (Chen Min-shu) took the oath of office as chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

Marshal Li remains as chairman of the Canton branch of the Political Council (the highest authority in the province) and is still commander-in-chief of the troops in the province.

General Chan has hitherto been commander of the 11th Nationalist Army and one of the four Rehabilitation Commissioners of Kwangtung province, his area being the south and Hainan Island.

When the Nationalist Armies set out from Canton on the conquest of the North in 1926, General Chan commanded a division in the 4th Army, of which Marshal Li was then head.

After distinguished service in the drive up to Hankow, he became Garrison Commissioner but was ousted by pressure from the Reds. One of his subordinates secured a footing in Fukien province about a year ago; and then he and General Chan re-established themselves and returned to Kwangtung.

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